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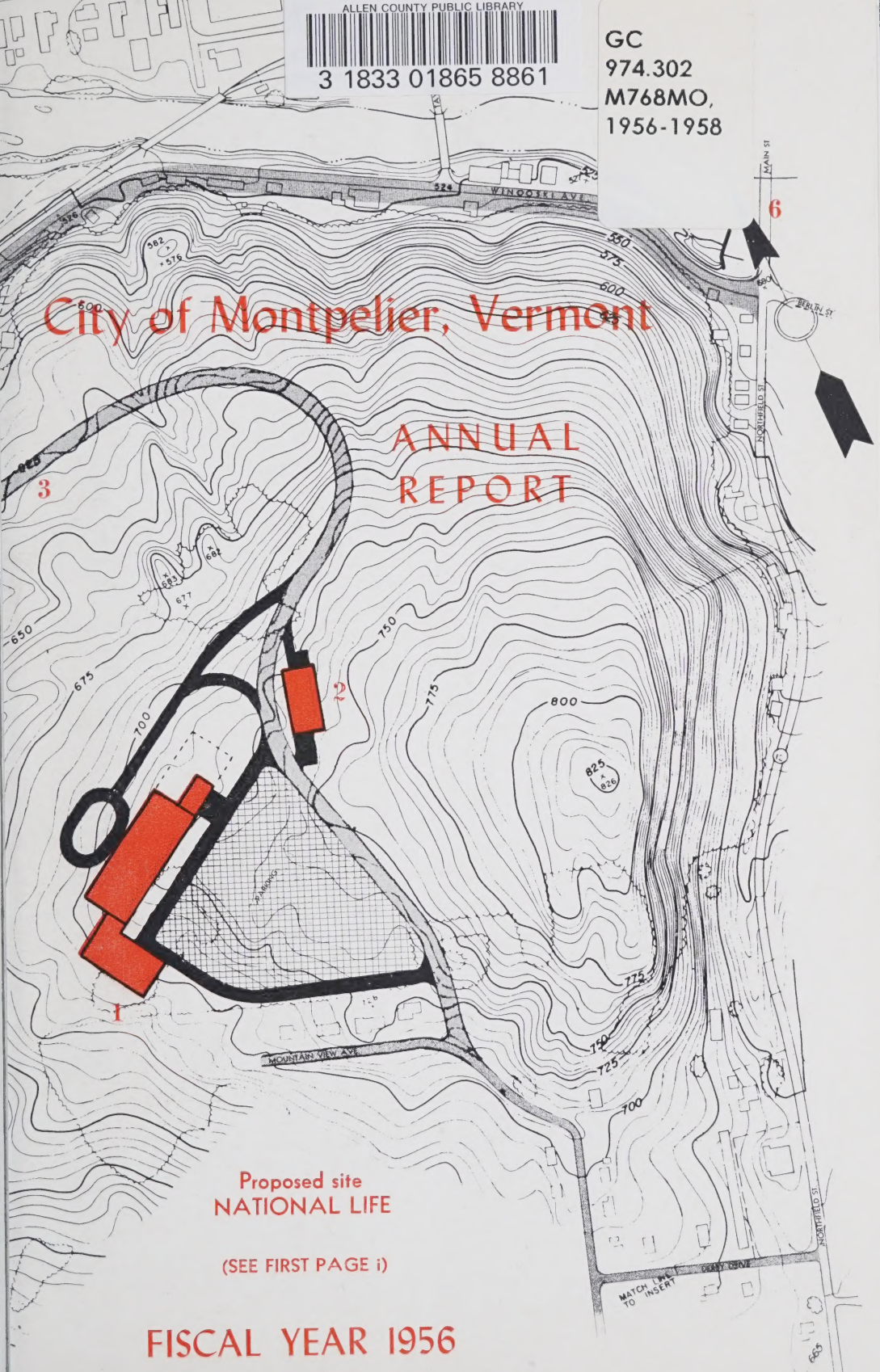
City of Montpelier, Vermont

ANNUAL REPORT

Proposed site
NATIONAL LIFE

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FISCAL YEAR 1956



Artist's Concept of Possible Development of New National Life
Home Office site.

1. Home Office building
2. Power Plant
3. Proposed New Road
4. High School Building
5. Proposed Bailey Ave. Bridge and By-Pass
6. Main Street Bridge

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LIST OF CITY OFFICIALS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR THE YEAR

(March, 1956 to March, 1957)

MAYOR

His Honor Edward F. Knapp 22 Winter St.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

President—Herbert F. Farrington

Vice President—Alexander J. Smith

Term Expires 1957

Alexander J. Smith	Ward 1	154 Main St.
Herbert F. Farrington	Ward 3	Towne St.
Dean K. Richardson	Ward 5	Worcester Br. Rd.

Term Expires 1958

Manuel Canas, Jr.	Ward 2	28 Foster St.
Donald G. Martin	Ward 4	9 Jordan St.
Stanley G. Knapp	Ward 6	39 Northfield St.

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES

(First named is chairman)

Protection: Police, Fire, Health, Tree Warden,	
Civil Defense	Smith, Knapp, Richardson
Public Works: Streets, Walks, Bridges,	
Sewers, Bailey Dam, Dump, Water	Martin, Farrington, Richardson
Welfare	Richardson, Smith, Canas
Property	Richardson, Smith, Canas
Recreation	Farrington
Finance	Farrington, Smith, Knapp
Insurance	Knapp, Canas
Airport	Mayor Knapp, Martin

ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Clerk

Warren B. Lowe

City Treasurer

Warren B. Lowe

Auditors

John P. Adams, Jr.

William A. Cattanaach

Morris Leventhal

Cemetery Commissioners

Henry B. Hudson 1952-1957

Lucia B. Bliss 1953-1958

E. Stanley Jayne 1954-1959

Hugh B. Jones, Jr. 1955-1960

William L. McKee 1956-1961

Park Commissioners

Ralph F. Taylor 1952-1957

Robert G. Simon 1953-1958

Norman K. Pine 1954-1959

Albert C. Bliss 1955-1960

Horace R. Teachout 1956-1961

School Commissioners

Morton A. Laird 1955-1957

William S. Heaton 1955-1957

Esther Bliss Somers 1955-1957

Margaret P. Holt 1956-1958

Carl H. Hopkins 1956-1958

Elbridge G. Miller 1956-1958

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

City Manager.....Ralph Irving

Barre-Montpelier Airport Commission

Edward F. Knapp, Donald G. Martin

Listers.....Leslie G. Gallup, Louis P. Peck, Elmer E. Pierce

CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENTS

City Engineer

Street Commissioner

Water Commissioner

}..... John MacKenzie

Overseer of the Poor.....Leodina G. Ryan

Chief of Fire Department.....Sidney F. Lawson

Chief of Police.....George J. Connor

Health Officer and Sanitary Inspector.....Walter L. Davis, M.D.

Recreation Director.....James E. Fearon

City Attorney.....John D. Paterson

City Grand Juror.....Louis P. Peck

City Sheriff.....Olisse M. Melada

City Constable.....Olisse M. Melada

Fence Viewers ... Adelaide E. Thayer, Amos Dow, Francis J. Murtagh

Forest Fire WardenSidney F. Lawson

Poundkeeper.....Dr. Ansel R. Carnahan

Surveyors of Wood and Inspectors of Shingles

B. Elaine Atkins, Karl H. Norris, Frank E. Perolini

Tree Warden.....Robert G. Simon

Purchasing AgentRalph Irving

Zoning Board—Howard Baird, James S. Brock, Leslie G. Gallup (Administrator), Adna M. Greaves, Lhoyd T. Hayward, David F. Hoxie (Chairman).

Recreation Board—Richard T. Babcock, Herbert F. Farrington (elected Chairman), William S. Heaton, Mrs. Raymond B. Magwire, Ralph F. Taylor.

Vermont Junior College Scholarships Committee—Robert H. Chastney, Rev. W. P. Crosby, Mrs. Erwin M. Harvey, Ralph E. Noble, Mrs. Brooks O'Neill (elected Chairman).

Planning Commission—George F. Adams, John K. Mumford, *Donald Backus, *Jack Ward, Robert Belding, Hermon Blanchard, David Hoxie (elected Chairman), William Duke, Mrs. Charles Piche, Mrs. Muriel Williams, Bryce J. Kinney.

*Resigned.

OTHER OFFICIALS

Board of Civil Authority—Edward F. Knapp, Alexander Smith, Manuel Canas, Jr., Herbert Farrington, Donald Martin, Dean Richardson, Stanley Knapp, Albert F. Barrett, Louis E. Boucher, Orsolina F. Cecchini, Peter Giuliani, Ruth B. Jones, Ruth A. Knapp, Perry H. Merrill, Fabian A. Mooney, Elmer E. Pierce, Harry R. Seivwright, Robert G. Simon, Fred I. Somers, John H. Stone, Howard E. Sweeney.

Appointees to Board of School Commissioners by Washington County Grammar School Trustees—Loriman S. Brigham, Walter G. Nelson, Jr., Horace R. Teachout.

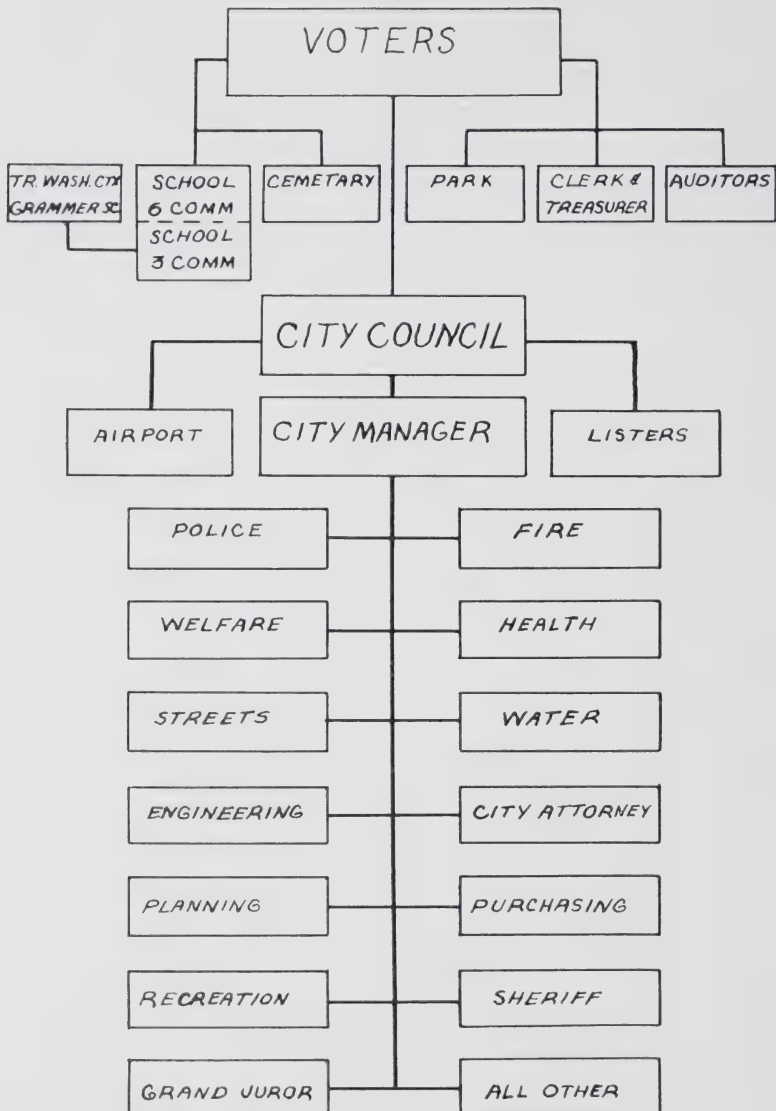
Appointees by Board of School Commissioners

Philip H. Mathewson, Superintendent of Schools

Robert H. Chastney, Principal of High School

Clarence P. Amadon, Principal of the Union School

ORGANIZATION CHART



CITY MANAGER GOVERNMENT

The Mayor and the Aldermen, comprising the Council, have had the pleasure of being the first to serve in these capacities under the City Manager form of local government as contained in the 1955 Charter, and which was voted and reaffirmed early in 1956. Although the new form of government has only been in effect since June 10, 1956, we are of the opinion that it has already demonstrated its potentialities. Of necessity, any new form of government, or new administration, requires a period of time in which to effect changes and attain its first objectives.

It is probable that few of these early objectives are noticeable by the average resident. At the same time, it is believed that while they are in the nature of internal organization and operation, their effect will become evident in the near future. It appears to be equally true that the many details of local government administration are receiving a more expert treatment by the Manager as a person professionally trained in municipal matters.

It can be assumed by the vote on the question of operating under the City Manager system that the majority of voters desired to give the system a fair trial over a period of several years. By the same token, it can be assumed that they were impelled to do so, at least in part, by the feeling that changes in the Administration of municipal affairs could be made to advantage, even though no specific change was in mind. Pursuing this premise a step further, it can be assumed that no significant change would be likely to occur in the handling of city affairs unless a change were made in the system of administration. The City Manager system appeared to be the only alternative method.

Under such a system, the Manager is responsible for administration of policies and the Council has the final responsibility for determining the policy itself. If it endorses a recommendation of the Manager, it does so with full responsibility for the decision, independently of the Manager. If it does not accept such a recommendation, it likewise takes responsibility for its course of action, and after due consideration arrived at a conclusion opposite from that of the Manager.

In effect, these actions comprise a set of checks and balances in the normal operation of local government. It is probable that when viewed in the proper perspective, actions of the Council will be found to have been for the best general interest of the City. Obviously, recommendations and actions of a City Manager are also to be considered as in the best interest of the City, as he views the situation. In making such recommendations to the Council, he is acting in the role of a trained and professional advisor who may see aspects of a matter which are obscure to local persons who have been living either too close or too remote to the circumstances. For these reasons, some recommendations may, at first, seem strange and without merit; as time goes on, they may appear in a different light.

The voter and tax payer might also bear in mind that he, too, shares responsibility for success of any form of city administration, and that it is a civic obligation for him to inform himself upon all aspects of a matter before jumping to conclusions. He should endeavor to cultivate a fair-minded attitude toward changes, and the possibility that it may be a different age in which we are now living.

Edw. F. Knapp, Mayor

Herbert Farrington, *Council President*

Col. Alexander Smith, *Council Vice President*

Manuel Canas, *Councilman*

Donald Martin, *Councilman*

Dean Richardson, *Councilman*

Stanley Knapp, *Councilman*

CITY *of* MONTPELIER

Montpelier, Vermont

OFFICE OF
CITY MANAGER

*To the Honorable City Council and
Citizens of Montpelier:*

It is with pleasure that I submit this first annual report under the new Charter and City Manager Form of Government.

The objective of this report is to give pertinent but concise information of the fiscal affairs and municipal services rendered. It is particularly pleasing to report a sizeable year-end unexpended balance and indicated tax rate reduction for 1957.

It is hoped that the progress and achievements reported herewith will be found satisfactory and will inspire continued confidence in your City Officials.

I hereby express my sincere gratitude for the wise guidance and cooperation from the Mayor and Aldermen, also the excellent loyalty and endeavors of all department heads and city employees.

Sincerely,

Ralph Irving,
City Manager

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1956

This past fiscal year has been an eventful one in many ways.

At the 1956 Annual meeting, the citizens approved and voted an unprecedented large budget thereby expressing their confidence in the administrative officials. The city officials have justified that confidence by efficiently providing the planned municipal services and ending the fiscal year with a sizeable unexpended balance of funds.

CITY MANAGER

On June 11, 1956, Council-Manager Government was inaugurated under the authority of the new Charter. The provisions of the Charter clearly place policy making responsibility with the City Council and Administrative Authority with the City Manager as the Chief Executive Officer of the City. This venture has worked out well, and the excellent cooperation between the City Council, City Manager and City Departments has resulted in favorable progress for the City of Montpelier.

NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

The most gratifying event of the year was National Life's momentous decision to remain in Montpelier and build a new Home Office building at a cost estimated between three and five million dollars. Particularly gratifying was their choice of site on undeveloped land, and their plans to promote a large housing development in conjunction with their new building.

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

The generosity of National Life was again manifested whereby our civic minded Alderman, Colonel Smith, initiated the negotiations for a new 2-Unit National Guard Armory to be erected on land donated by the National Life Insurance Company adjacent to the new High School building.

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Montpelier residents have long realized the need for improvements in the Municipal Water System. A recent engineering survey reports plans that will furnish unexcelled quality and assured ample quantity of water for an estimated \$360,000.00. This is a savings of over ½ million dollars from previous engineering reports.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The Planning Commission has devoted many long hours of study for sewerage system improvements. It is a perplex problem and the cost would be prohibitive for immediate solution. However, application has been made for Federal Funds to finance a complete engineering survey so that initial corrective steps may be taken as time and money permit so that eventually the ultimate goal will be achieved.

SANITARY LAND FILL

During the summer of 1956 the municipal dump fire was permanently extinguished and a nuisance was abated that had prevailed

for many years. A Sanitary Land Fill operation is now in process and the results are highly gratifying.

MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

During the past year the City's Accounting System was switched from a cash to an accrual basis and an encumbrance purchasing system was inaugurated. A double entry bookkeeping system was installed February 1, 1957. This provides a sound basis for better budget control, and by considering accounts payable and receivable at the beginning and end of the year permits accurate accounting and reporting of fiscal affairs such as are reported in this Annual Report. Outstanding bills owed by the City from the General Fund were \$6,455.46 on January 31, 1956, but only \$630.28 on January 31, 1957. Accounts receivable were \$620.40 January 31, 1956, and \$2,796.65 on January 31, 1957.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

An extension of 500 feet was added to the airport runway. National Life Insurance Company built a new hangar, and a new garage was constructed to house snowplowing equipment. The value of the airport to the community is well portrayed by the increased activities as explained in the Airport Commission's report on another page.

TAX RATE

As the result of successful financial operation this past year, a budget that will not lessen municipal services is proposed that will allow a tax reduction of \$.45 in General City Tax, an increase of \$.16 in School Tax, resulting in a net reduction of \$.29 in the total city tax rate.

SURPLUS FUNDS

In municipal accounting, available funds that are not earmarked for expenditures are called "Surplus Funds". Surplus funds do not now have to be carried forward to finance the interim from January 31 to the Annual meeting day as they did under the old Charter. The new Charter provides that Tax Anticipation funds can now be borrowed after the start of the fiscal year February 1.

At the beginning of the year 1956 there was \$26,748.62 of surplus funds which is customarily listed as balance forward, and this was increased to \$41,043.62 at the end of the year. The appropriation of these funds for 1957 is explained on the Comparative Budget Summary schedule.

Within a normal year's operation there should properly be a few thousand dollars of surplus funds at the end of the year. A properly balanced budget will allow for some contingencies such as floods, wash-outs, bad fires, exceptionally costly snow removal, extraordinary welfare costs, etc. The amount of the year-end surplus will depend on the number and cost of such unpredicted contingencies; an unusual amount would cause a deficit.

FUTURE PLANS FOR PROGRESS

A brief appraisal of the city's present situation and consideration of planned future events and projects indicates that Montpelier is at the threshold of an unprecedented era of prosperity and progress.

The National Life's new office building and housing development, the new National Guard Armory, a proposed new Federal building, the proposed water improvement program, the new throughway and by-pass, probability of new industry—all these excellent developments will greatly strengthen the city's economic base. However, any tax revenue effects will not be apparent for three or more years from any of them, and they probably will create some expense by the city providing utilities, etc.

Presently, our financial affairs are on a sound basis, but it must be emphatically emphasized that to keep the tax rate and debt situation on a reasonably steady plane it is absolutely necessary to adopt long range planning, taking into consideration not only the financial necessities for the current year, but the implications of financial requirements in the immediate future years.

The cost for debt service for our present bonded debt will start diminishing two years hence, but next year (1958) our tax rate will feel the impact of the initial bond payment for the Winooski Avenue By-Pass and related projects, and we cannot anticipate as large an amount of surplus funds to reduce taxes for 1958. It is indicated that school costs will require additional tax revenue next year.

Therefore, it seems certain that the tax rate will have to be increased in 1958.

In the preparation of this year's budget, all these conditions have been taken into consideration and this year's proposed budget is part of an organized long range plan to prevent out of proportion fluctuation of the tax rate from one year to another.

This year's budget has been reduced for general city purposes and it is planned to finance adequate municipal services without extravagance and it is considered it would not be for the best public interest to reduce it further, for to do so would result in impaired services.

The budget includes requested amounts for grants in the City Warning that are voted on separately at the City Meeting.

The City Council and the City Manager approve the improvements in the water system recommended by Whitman & Howard Engineering firm, and an article is in the Warning to see if the voters will approve a \$360,000.00 bond issue for that purpose. It is proposed that the bonds be general obligation bonds for the advantage of lower interest rates, but the revenue for amortization will derive from the water fund and would not affect the tax rate. It is estimated that approximately 50% increase in water rates will provide sufficient revenue. Our water rates would then be approximately average compared to other cities in the State.

1957 BUDGET COMMENTARY

The individual budgets are commented on below only on items that are materially changed from last year's budget or for purpose of clarity.

Police Department

Weekly pay increases of \$7.00 for the Chief and \$5.00 for all other full time policemen. \$900.00 to pay overtime for policemen on duty from 4:00 to 7:00 A.M. now covered by desk man only. Trade for new Police Chief's car.

Fire Department

Weekly pay increases of \$7.00 for the Chief and \$5.00 for all other full time firemen. Trade for new Fire Chief's car.

The 1957 budget is decreased by approximately \$10,000 (\$.05 in Tax rate) for the Fire Department to reduce the full time manpower from 16 to 13 by eliminating the office of full time fire inspector and the two regular firemen vacancies that now exist. Fire hazard inspections would be made by regular firemen. This would still provide a much larger budget and greater number of full time firemen than other municipalities have in Montpelier's population and fire protection class. Other municipalities depend to a great extent, of course, on call men which is also true in Montpelier. We also have the advantage of reciprocity with nearby Barre.

Montpelier citizens have good reason to be proud of their Fire Department and this reasonable reduction should not give reason to change that feeling. It is considered, however, that the present budget is out of proportion, and the excess is a luxury that is not necessary nor for the best interests of the taxpayers.

Streets

Salary increases are provided, ranging from a minimum of \$.05 per hour for laborers, \$.10 per hour for truck drivers and \$.15 per hour for equipment operators who shall also act as assistant foremen when necessary.

It will require sizeable capital expenditures sometime in the near future to reconstruct the majority of our city streets. Last season's experience demonstrated that additional street construction personnel will be needed and more equipment made available if the City is to attempt major street construction programs.

It is planned—and this year's budget provides—for a Comprehensive Maintenance Program to eliminate the superficial deficiencies within the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department. This would include a low cost asphalt mix program, to surface five to seven miles of streets, correcting deficiencies in the surface water drainage system; repairing sidewalks, ditches and

curbing; replanking bridges; painting and treating steel bridges; sewer improvements; and extensive testing and correcting deficiencies in the water main system.

It is also planned to establish a revolving equipment fund. This is considered the best method to maintain adequate Public Works equipment and maintain level annual tax requirements for that purpose. The equipment fund would be credited for all equipment used on an established hourly or mileage basis. From the equipment fund would be paid all cost of maintenance, repairs, supplies and acquisition of public works equipment; also all costs for maintenance of the garage building that houses this equipment. The established rates to be paid the fund are considered conservative and it may require some supplemental funds within the next few years to replace some of the more expensive equipment that might need replacing before the fund accumulates enough for large expenditures. It is possible that after a trial period the rates would need adjusting.

Welfare

Our costs for Welfare have decreased during 1956 as reflected in this year's budget cut of \$8,000.00 for Charity and \$3,000.00 for Hospital care. Closing the City Farm also reflects a credit to this account.

City Hall

The \$2,000.00 reduction in City Hall budget is possible because the janitor personnel has been reduced from 3 to 2 members which proves adequate.

Community Hall

The slight increase in this budget will provide an estimated \$850.00 to move some partitions on the mezzanine level that will provide recreation and social facilities for the capital teen group.

Alderman Salaries

Aldermen are not expected to hold office for remuneration purposes, however, it is considered justified that they shall receive reimbursement for expenses at least. The recommended increase to \$250.00 per year for each alderman would not exceed an average of \$5.00 per Council Meeting.

City Manager's Salary

The City Council determines the City Manager's salary. This budget provides for transferring \$2,000.00 from the Water Fund for this purpose and is based on the proportion of time and duties the Manager devotes to the Water Department.

Legal

Our cost for City Attorney shall probably not exceed \$1,500.00 for 1956. This is comparatively low cost for the excellent service we receive. Only \$1,000.00 was budgeted for 1956. However, \$1,000.00 was budgeted for codifying the Ordinances that has not been expended and \$500.00 is carried forward for that purpose.

Elections

Reductions in number of elections allow this budget to be reduced to \$1,000.00 and will provide for increasing Ballot Clerks' pay from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per meeting.

Pensions

Continuing the established policy for pensions will require only \$391.00 for 1957.

Bonds and Notes

During 1956, proceeds from the sale of stock from the City Farm in the amount of \$4,086.00 was used to retire balance of the \$7,500.00 note incurred in 1951 for modern stable. Last year, \$8,118.89 was transferred from balance of the 1951 Street Improvement Bond proceeds to debt reduction. This amount will have to be appropriated this year. \$50,000.00 raised in 1956 to meet 1955 deficits will not re-occur in this year's budget.

Cemetery Grants

The Cemetery Commissioners are requesting \$1,000.00 less for Green Mount Cemetery and will not require the \$250.00 for care of the Elm Street Cemetery. These savings are possible as a result of increased revenue from Trust Fund investments and improved efficiency in their maintenance program.

Planning Service

The Planning Commission and its sub-committees have devoted many long hours of valuable service planning for the future. They have requested that \$4,000.00 be made available for planning consultant service at the discretion of the City Council. This would be matched with Federal funds. The budget provides \$4,000.00 in unappropriated surplus that would be available for that purpose.

BUDGET—FISCAL YEAR 1957

	1956 Budget	1957 Budget	Other Income	From Appropriations
Departmental				
a. Protection				
Police	\$35,674.00	\$39,408.00	\$9,352.00	\$30,056.00
Fire	65,630.00	59,677.00	1,800.00	57,877.00
Health	3,200.00	3,000.00	—————	3,000.00
Tree Warden	1,500.00	1,500.00	—————	1,500.00
Civil Defense	175.00	150.00	—————	150.00
Total	\$106,179.00	\$103,735.00	\$11,152.00	\$92,583.00
b. Public Works				
Streets	\$105,950.00	\$114,700.00	\$8,500.00	\$106,200.00
Walks	8,500.00	8,000.00	—————	8,000.00
Bridges	3,200.00	4,500.00	—————	4,500.00
Sewers	14,000.00	13,500.00	500.00	13,000.00
Bailey Dam	500.00	500.00	—————	500.00
Dump	3,400.00	5,500.00	—————	5,500.00
Bulldozer	10,000.00	—————	—————	—————
Total	\$145,550.00	\$146,700.00	\$9,000.00	\$137,700.00
c. Welfare				
Charity..	\$29,911.00	\$21,900.00	\$3,000.00	\$18,900.00
Hospital Care	13,000.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	7,500.00
Total	\$42,911.00	\$31,900.00	\$5,500.00	\$26,400.00
d. Property				
City Hall	\$17,396.00	\$15,396.00	\$2,000.00	\$13,396.00
Community Hall	4,516.00	4,968.00	2,700.00	2,268.00
Airport Maint.	5,000.00	4,000.00(net)	—————	4,000.00
Total	\$26,912.00	\$24,364.00	\$4,700.00	\$19,664.00
e. Services				
Recreation	\$14,305.00	\$15,418.00	\$1,175.00	\$14,243.00
Street Lighting	14,000.00	14,300.00	—————	14,300.00
Total	\$28,305.00	\$29,718.00	\$1,175.00	\$28,543.00

f. Administration				
Mayor's				
Salary	\$1,200 .00	\$1,200 .00	————	\$1,200 .00
Aldeimen's				
Salaries	600 .00	1,500 .00	————	1,500 .00
City Mgr's				
Salary	8,500 .00	9,000 .00	2,000 .00	7,000 .00
City Mgr. &				
Mayor's				
Office	3,500 .00	4,350 .00	————	4,350 .00
Clerk-				
Treasurer	15,620 .62	16,750 .12	10,180 .00	6,570 .12
Legal	2,000 .00	2,000 .00	————	2,000 .00
Listers	7,500 .00	7,500 .00	————	7,500 .00
Elections	3,000 .00	1,000 .00	————	1,000 .00
Quad. Ap-				
praisals	————	————	————	————
Insurance				
(Fire)	1,200 .00	1,200 .00	————	1,200 .00
Pensions	2,056 .00	391 .00	————	391 .00
State Aud.				
Office	500 .00	————	————	————
City Mgr.				
Selec. Adv.	250 .00	————	————	————
Total	\$45,926 .62	\$44,891 .12	\$12,180 .00	\$32,711 .12
Department				
Totals	\$395,783 .62	\$381,308 .12	\$43,707 .00	\$337,601 .12
	1956	1957	Other	From
	Budget	Budget	Income	Appropriations
Bonds and Notes				
(not incl. School)				
Principal				
\$57,680 .00				
Transfer				
M8,118 .89				
Net	\$49,561 .11	\$49,561 .11	\$57,343 .37	\$57,343 .37
Interest	7,402 .50	5,507 .97	————	5,507 .97
1955 Temp. Note	50,000 .00	————	————	————
Total	\$106,963 .61	\$62,851 .34	————	\$62,851 .34
Grants				
Memor. & Vets				
Days	\$250 .00	\$250 .00	————	\$250 .00
Christmas Light,				
(1955)	300 .00	500 .00	————	500 .00

District Nurse	1,800.00	1,800.00	—————	1,800.00
Montpelier Band	1,000.00	1,000.00	—————	1,000.00
Hubbard Park	1,500.00	1,500.00	—————	1,500.00
Wood Art Gal- lery	500.00	500.00	—————	500.00
V. J. C. Scholar- ships	2,700.00	2,700.00	—————	2,700.00
Green Mount Cemetery	5,500.00	4,500.00	—————	4,500.00
Elm Street Ceme- tery	250.00	—————	—————	—————
School Trans- portation	2,000.00	2,000.00	—————	2,000.00
Retire. Fund (Fire & Police)	3,000.00	3,000.00	—————	3,000.00
Total	\$18,800.00	\$17,750.00	—————	\$17,750.00
Other				
County Agent	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	—————	\$3,300.00
County Tax	3,000.00	3,000.00	—————	3,000.00
Group Ins. (City's Share)	2,000.00	2,000.00	—————	2,000.00
Soc. Secur. (City's share)	3,000.00	3,300.00	—————	3,300.00
Miscellaneous	2,500.00	3,300.00	—————	3,300.00
Total	\$13,800.00	\$14,900.00	—————	\$14,900.00
Trans. to Spec. Acct. Airport Improve No. 2	\$8,500.00	—————	—————	—————
Trans. to Spec. Acct. Airport Adm. Bldg.	—————	\$12,500.00	—————	12,500.00
	\$8,500.00	\$12,500.00	—————	\$12,500.00
General City Totals	\$543,847.23	\$489,309.46	\$43,707.00	\$445,602.46
General City Surplus			\$30,398.00	\$30,398.00
General City Taxes				\$415,204.46
Schools (Regular)	\$306,095.90	\$345,797.60	—————	—————
Bonds—principal	33,000.00	30,000.00	—————	—————
Interest	14,152.50	13,500.00	—————	—————
School Totals	\$353,248.40	\$389,297.60	—————	\$389,297.60
Grand Total	\$897,095.63	\$878,607.06	\$74,105.00	\$804,502.06
(Schools plus General City)				

COMPARATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY

Fiscal Year 1957

	Budget	Other Income	Appropriations	Tax Rate
Departmental	\$381,308.12	\$43,707.00	\$337,601.12	\$1.72
All Other (less School)	108,001.34	_____	108,001.34	.55
	<u>\$489,309.46</u>	<u>\$43,707.00</u>	<u>\$445,602.46</u>	<u>\$2.27</u>
Less Surplus		\$30,398.00	\$30,398.00	\$.15
Total General City			\$415,204.46	\$2.12
Total School	<u>\$389,297.60</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>\$389,297.60</u>	<u>\$1.98</u>
Grand Total	\$878,607.06	\$74,105.00	\$804,502.06	\$4.10

	1956 Budget	Other Income	Appropriations	Tax Rate
Departmental	\$395,783.62	\$47,950.00	\$347,833.62	\$1.80
All Other (less School)	148,063.61	_____	148,063.61	.77
Total General City	<u>\$543,847.23</u>	<u>\$47,950.00</u>	<u>\$495,897.23</u>	<u>\$2.57</u>
Total School	<u>\$353,248.40</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>\$353,248.40</u>	<u>\$1.82</u>
Grand Total	\$897,095.63	\$47,950.00	\$849,145.63	\$4.39

CASH SURPLUS AT 1-31-57 \$41,043.62

Surplus appropriated for Fiscal Year—1957 \$30,398.00
Reserves Carried Forward for completion of 1956 work

Streets	\$3,000.00	
Walks	800.00	
City Hall	1,500.00	
Legal	500.00	
	_____	\$ 5,800.00
Accounts Payable		\$630.28

TOTAL SURPLUS APPROPRIATED \$36,828.28

UNAPPROPRIATED CASH SURPLUS \$4,215.34

CITY OF MONTPELIER

DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS ANALYSIS 2 1 '56 - 1 31 '57

NOTE: This accounting is computed on an accrual basis, opening accounts receivable and payable are considered with other income plus taxes to give the resulting "Total Available". Closing accounts receivable and payable are also considered with "Expenditures". Thus the "Expenditure" column gives the exact cost for each department for the entire fiscal year.

Department	Tax	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended or (Overexpended)
Protection				
Police	\$ 27,198.00	\$ 36,471.99	\$ 35,331.72	\$ 1,140.27
Fire	62,930.00	63,902.83	64,468.47	[565.64]
Health	3,200.00	3,167.50	2,880.70	286.80
Tree Warden	1,500.00	1,668.00	1,489.34	178.66
Civil Defense	175.00	172.00	174.86	[2.86]
	\$ 95,003.00	\$ 105,382.32	\$ 104,345.09	\$ 1,037.23
Public Works				
Streets	\$ 95,450.00	\$ 105,135.13	\$ 102,249.01	\$ 2,886.12
Walks	8,500.00	8,486.65	7,355.74	1,130.91
Bridges	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,283.88	[83.88]
Sewers	13,500.00	13,682.64	14,935.79	[1,253.15]
Bailey Dam	500.00	492.35	376.20	116.15
Dump	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,706.15	[306.15]
Bulldozer	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
	\$ 134,550.00	\$ 144,396.77	\$ 141,906.77	\$ 2,490.00
Welfare				
Charity	\$ 24,411.00	\$ 30,199.10	\$ 24,787.83	\$ 5,411.27
Hospital	10,000.00	12,879.42	8,196.49	4,682.93
	\$ 34,411.00	\$ 43,078.52	\$ 32,984.32	\$ 10,094.20
Property				
City Hall & Rest Room	\$ 15,396.00	\$ 17,457.88	\$ 15,817.38	\$ 1,640.50
Community Hall	1,716.00	2,595.64	3,006.95	[411.31]
Airport Maintenance	2,500.00	18,015.57	18,678.53	[662.96]
	\$ 19,612.00	\$ 38,069.09	\$ 37,502.86	\$ 566.23
Services				
Recreation	\$ 14,050.00	\$ 15,298.24	\$ 15,210.02	\$ 88.22
Street Lighting	14,000.00	12,714.36	12,816.64	[102.28]
	\$ 28,050.00	\$ 28,012.60	\$ 28,026.66	\$ [14.06]
Administration				
Mayor's Salary	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,561.52	\$ [361.52]
Aldermen's Salaries	600.00	600.00	499.98	100.02
City Manager's Salary	9,000.00	9,000.00	5,489.63	3,510.37
City Mge. & Mayor's Office	3,500.00	3,481.80	3,514.06	[32.26]
Clerk-Treasurer	11,452.44	15,476.31	15,533.76	[57.45]
Legal	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,332.25	667.75
Listers	7,500.00	7,482.08	7,210.74	271.34

Elections	3,000.00	2,820.00	2,545.15	274.85
Fire Insurance	1,200.00	1,200.00	944.60	255.40
Pensions	2,056.00	2,056.00	1,547.61	508.39
State Auditor's Office	500.00	500.00	660.00	[160.00]
City Mgr. Select. Adv. Comm.	_____	_____	275.02	[275.02]
Licenses and Misc.	[5,200.00]	1,675.70	_____	1,675.70
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	\$ 36,808.44	\$ 47,491.89	\$ 41,114.32	\$ 6,377.57
Schools				
Operating	\$ 306,095.90	\$ 306,095.90	\$ 306,328.42	\$ [232.52]
Bonds-Principal	33,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	_____
" -Interest	14,152.50	14,152.50	14,152.50	_____
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	\$ 353,248.40	\$ 353,248.40	\$ 353,480.92	\$ [232.52]
Bonds and Notes				
Principal	\$ 49,561.11	\$ 57,680.00	\$ 57,680.00	_____
Interest	7,402.50	7,402.50	7,183.94	218.56
Temp. Bonds	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	_____
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	\$ 106,963.61	\$ 115,082.50	\$ 114,863.94	\$ 218.56
Grants				
Memorial and Vets'				
Days	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	231.00	\$ 19.00
Christmas Lighting	300.00	287.22	518.39	[231.08]
District Nurse	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	_____
Montpelier Band	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	_____
Hubbard Park	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	_____
Wood Art Gallery	500.00	500.00	500.00	_____
VJC Scholarships	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	_____
Green Mount Cemetery	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	_____
Flm St. Cemetery	250.00	250.00	250.00	_____
School Transportation	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,099.00	_____
Retirement Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	_____
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	\$ 18,800.00	\$ 18,787.22	\$ 18,999.30	\$ [212.00]
Other				
County Agent	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	3,279.17	\$ 20.83
County Tax	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,878.55	121.45
Group Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,157.61	[157.61]
Social Security	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,373.32	[373.32]
Miscellaneous	2,500.00	2,510.00	2,919.86	[409.86]
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	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 13,810.00	\$ 14,608.51	\$ [798.51]
Transfers				
Airport Project No. 1\$	_____	\$ _____	1,300.00	\$ [1,300.00]
" " No. 2	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	_____
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	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	9,800.00	\$ [1,300.00]
Totals	\$ 849,746.45	\$ 915,859.31	\$ 897,632.63	\$ 13,226.62
Temporary Loans	_____	200,000.00	200,000.00	_____
Delinquent Taxes	_____	18,002.97	_____	_____
Excess 1956 Tax Collected	\$3,042.01	3,042.01	_____	_____
Old Age Assistance	_____	_____	19,152.00	_____
Montpelier By-Pass	_____	885.00	885.00	_____
Tax Rebates	_____	_____	123.02	_____

Registration	_____	_____	226.75	_____				
Federal Airport	_____	_____	1,080.58	_____				
Bicycles	_____	_____	134.05	_____				
Farm Note	_____	4,086.63	4,086.63	_____				
Quadrennial Appraisal	_____	_____	580.50	_____				
City Property	_____	_____	53.10	_____				
	\$	3,042.01	\$	226,016.61	\$	226,321.63	\$	[305.02]
Grand Total	\$	852,788.46	\$	1,141,875.92	\$	1,123,954.32	\$	17,921.60
†								
Department	Tax	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended or [Overexpended]				
Department	Tax	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended or [Overexpended]				

BALANCE SHEET AT JANUARY 31, 1957

Assets

Cash in Bank—General Fund	\$ 41,043.62
Cash in Bank—Sinking Fund	1,460.23
Delinquent Taxes	\$ 21,217.11
Less Reserve for loss	7,022.62
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Taxes Receivable	14,194.49
Miscellaneous Receivable	2,796.65
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Total Assets	\$ 59,494.99
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$630.28
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Total Liabilities	\$630.28

Surplus

Reserved for Completion of 1956 work in 1957	
Streets	\$ 3,000.00
Walks	800.00
City Hall	1,500.00
Legal	500.00
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	\$5,800.00
Appropriated To Reduce Taxes—	.
General Fund	\$ 30,398.00
Appropriated to Reduce Taxes—	
Sinking Fund	1,460.23
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	\$ 31,838.23
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Total Surplus Reserved And Appropriated	\$37,658.23
Unappropriated Surplus	\$21,206.48
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Total Surplus	\$58,864.71
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Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$59,494.99
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ANALYSIS CHANGE IN UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

Surplus at February 1, 1956 (\$16,856.07)

Add: Unexpended Balances from operations

Feb. 1, 1956 through January 31, 1957 ... \$15,755.23

Increase in Receivables:

Balance at 1-31-57 \$16,991.14

Balance at 1-31-56 14,799.27

\$2,191.87

Decrease in Payables:

Balance at 1-31-56 \$58,403.96

Balance at 1-31-57 630.28

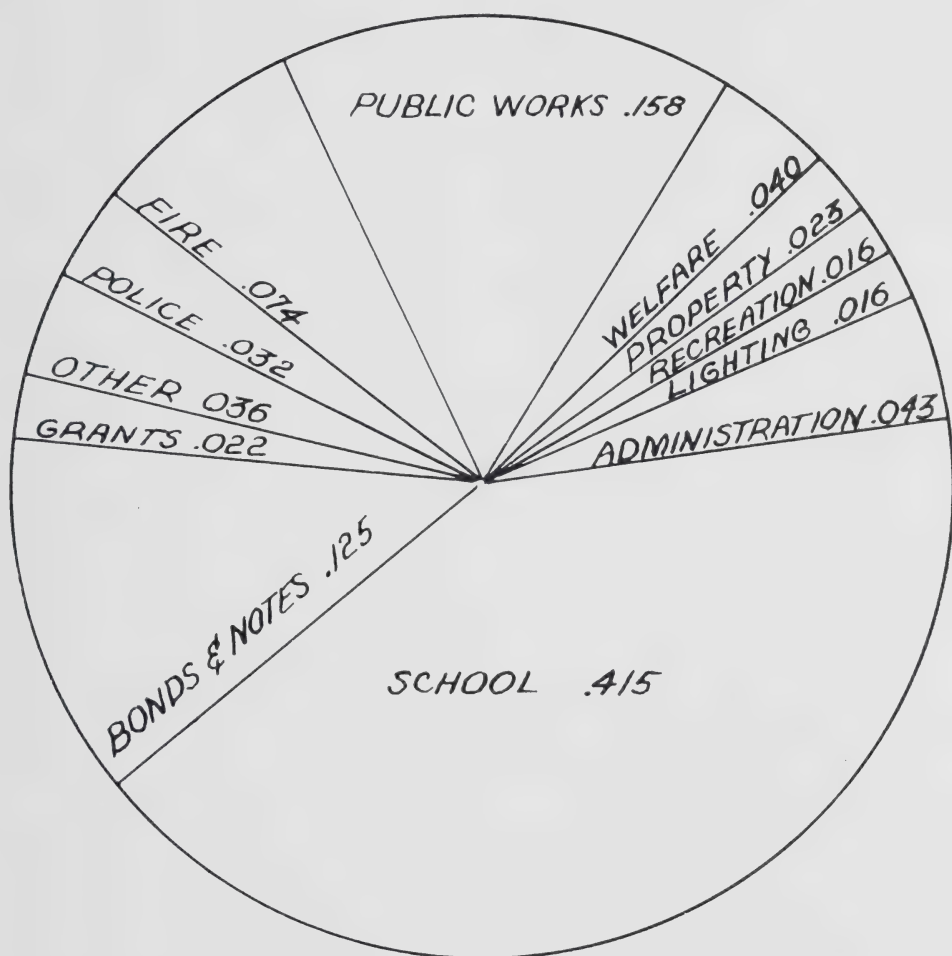
\$57,773.68

\$75,720.78

Unappropriated Surplus Jan. 31, 1957 \$58,864.71

TAX DOLLAR ASSESSMENT

1956



CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Cash Statement

2-1-56 to 1-31-57

Cash on hand 2-1-56.....\$ 26,748.62

Receipts

Temporary borrowing	
Against 1956 taxes.....	\$ 200,000.00
From department opera-	
tions.....	\$ 79,827.63
Taxes collected by Treas-	
urer.....	833,636.46
Taxes for Old Age Assis-	
tance.....	19,152.00
Taxes collected by Sheriff	
1956 taxes	14,636.23
Older years taxes	3,366.74
Transferred from Street	
Improvement Note Issue	8,118.89
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	\$ 958,737.95

Total cash to be accounted for by the Treasurer \$ 1,185,486.57

Disbursements

Temporary borrowing (1956) repaid	\$ 200,000.00
Temporary borrowing (1955) repaid	50,000.00
Department operations ..	\$ 301,925.61
Transferred to School Fund	306,328.42
Grants voted at City	

Meeting.....	29,073.58
Paid off on debts	197,716.11
Interest on debts	21,336.44
Old Age Assistance.....	19,152.00
Other	18,910.79
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	\$ 1,144,442.95
Cash on hand 1-31-57	41,043.62

Total cash accounted for by the Treasurer \$ 1,185,486.57

SPECIAL FUNDS CASH STATEMENT

2-1-56 to 1-31-57

	Cash on Hand 2-1-56	Receipts	Dis- bursements	Cash on Hand 1-31-57
Water	\$ 13,709.54	\$ 59,928.30	\$ 48,118.89	\$ 25,518.95
Retirement	7,426.05	3,133.68	507.00	10,052.73
Equipment	3,305.60	3,573.90	5,727.80	1,151.70
Street Note	8,118.89	—	8,118.89	—
Airport Bond	81.50	—	81.50	—
Parking Meter	1,754.42	20,426.01	17,723.87	4,456.56
Park (City Treasurer)	14,523.97	338.66	507.98	14,354.65
Airport Improvement	14,533.02	79,939.07	91,215.20	3,256.89
Granite St. Bridge	4,919.85	—	4,919.85	—
City Hall Repairs	4,000.00	—	4,000.00	—
Group Insurance	11.92	7,554.17	7,347.25	218.84
Social Security	—	6,482.13	6,482.13	—

TAXES RECEIVABLE

	Uncollected 2-1-56	Collected 1956	Abated 1956	Uncollected 1-31-57
Year Tax Levied				
1956	—	—	\$ 1,463.16	\$ 5,447.71
1955	\$ 3,548.22	\$ 1,870.17	22.25	1,655.80
1954	3,051.59	645.05	19.26	2,387.28
1953	1,902.51	251.22	26.60	1,624.69
1952	1,536.29	122.91	8.65	1,404.73
1934-1951	10,588.08	477.39	1,413.79	8,696.90
	\$ 20,626.69	\$ 3,366.74	\$ 2,953.71	\$ 21,217.11

Respectfully submitted,

Warren B. Lowe,

City Treasurer

DEBT REDEMPTION

OBLIGATIONS	Maturity	Interest	Amount	1957	1958
Bonds:					
Street and Equipment	Dec. 1, 1959	1 ½ %	\$ 37,000.00	15,000	15,000
Street Improvement	Dec. 1, 1962	1 ¼ %	53,000.00	10,000	10,000
Various Purpose	May 1, 1963	1 ½ %	93,000.00	15,000	15,000
Street Improvement	Sept. 1, 1964	1.65 %	40,000.00	5,000	5,000
New High School Construc- tion	July 1, 1979	2 %	690,000.00	30,000	30,000
Annual; Bond Payments				75,000	75,000
Total Bonded Indebtedness			913,000.00		
Notes:					
Modern Stable	July 29, 1962	2 ¼ %	413.37	413.37	
New Fire Engine	July 29, 1962	2 ¼ %	10,800.00	1,800	1,800
Oil Burner, City Barn	Aug. 5, 1962	2 ¼ %	1,500.00	250	250
Tile Floor, Auditorium	Aug. 26, 1962	2 ¼ %	2,400.00	400	400
Heating Plant, Fire Station	Nov. 7, 1962	2 ¼ %	1,080.00	180	180
Equipment Purchase Notes	May 15, 1963	2 ½ %	30,100.00	4,300	4,300
Street Improvement Coupon Notes	Sept. 1, 1963	2.20 %	35,000.00	5,000	5,000
Montpelier By-Pass	Apr. 29, 1957	2 ½ %	75,000.00	75,000	
Annual Note Payments				87,343.37	11,930
Total Note Indebtedness			156,293.37		
Annual Debt Payments				162,343.37	86,930
Total Indebtedness			1,069,293.37		
Interest Payments on Bonds:					
Street and Equipment	Dec. 1, 1959	1 ½ %		555.00	
Street Improvement	Dec. 1, 1962	1 ¼ %		662.50	
Various Purpose	May 1, 1963	1 ½ %		1,282.50	
Street Improvement	Sept. 1, 1964	1.65 %		660.00	
New High School Construc- tion	July 1, 1979	2 %		13,500.00	
Total Interest on Bonds				16,660.00	
Total Interest on Notes				2,745.70	
Total Interest Payments				19,405.70	

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditors have examined all the warrants drawn by the Mayor and the City Treasurer upon approval of the City Council for the year ending January 31, 1957. A classified statement of the warrants appears in the ledger report of the City Treasurer.

The auditors have also examined the income and disbursement accounts, the General, Water, all special funds in addition to the city indebtedness and find them to be correct as shown.

Morris Leventhal,
J. P. Adams, Jr.,
William Cattnach,
City Auditors

PLANNING COMMISSION

The principal activities of the Planning Commission during the past year have been in the following areas:

(1) **Sewage system study**—The Sewage Control and Stream Purification Committee, after extensive study, submitted to the Executive Committee an excellent report establishing the need of the City for a sewage disposal plant in order to protect the health of its citizens and as an essential step in restoring the Winooski River as a valuable natural resource of the State. This report was forwarded to the Mayor and City Council, together with the recommendations of the Executive Committee. The City Council has instructed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance designed to regulate the installation of septic tanks in connection with homes which do not have access to the municipal sewer system. This ordinance is still in the drafting stage. The Sewage Control and Stream Purification Committee and the Executive Committee have both offered their assistance to the City Attorney in connection with the drafting of this proposed ordinance, and Mr. Blanchard has agreed to prepare an initial draft.

Pursuant to instructions by the City Council, the City Manager has contacted federal officials with a view to obtaining cancellation of an interest free loan from the federal government which was obtained some years ago in order to finance engineering plans for a sewage system, on the grounds that the engineering plans are obsolete as of today. The City Manager, pursuant to authorization by the City Council, has also sought another similar interest free loan from the federal government to finance new engineering plans for such a sewage system and for a sewage disposal plant. Negotiations in these areas are progressing satisfactorily.

These engineering plans will constitute a first essential step to the obtaining of an adequate sewage system and sewage disposal plant by the City. Furthermore, the existence of such plans, which will establish the proper size, location and grade of sewer lines throughout the City, will make it possible, whenever a street is torn up for any purpose, to establish the necessary sewer lines under that street, thus reducing the ultimate cost of a sewage disposal system and some of the disruption to the City which is bound to result when it is installed.

(2) **Trailer zoning**—This problem was referred to the Zoning and Land Uses Committee which has held a number of meetings for the purpose of studying it, and at least two meetings with the Executive Committee. The Committee has filed a report with the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee has, in turn, made a report to the Mayor and City Council on the subject. The substance of the recommendations in these reports is that the right to maintain trailers for living purposes on individual lots in the City be stringently limited and that, for the most part, the location of trailers in the City should be

limited to trailer parks created by private individuals pursuant to a licensing ordinance to be adopted by the City, which would include appropriate provisions for regulation and sanitation, or if private individuals do not provide adequate facilities a trailer park to be established and operated by the City itself. Inasmuch as it is doubtful whether the City at the present time has authority to operate such a park, it is also recommended that the City seek from the legislature enabling legislation authorizing it to do so. As yet, the City Council has had no opportunity to act on that report.

(3) A code relating to the establishment and acceptance of housing developments, a building code and a plumbing code.

These problems have also been referred to the Zoning and Land Uses Committee, which has held several meetings with respect to a plumbing code and has studied a code proposed by certain of the plumbers who do work in the City. Because of time devoted to the trailer problem, it has not been possible for this Committee to file any report on these subjects as yet.

(4) Airport problems—The Airport Committee has made a report to the Board recommending that the City participate to the extent of not more than \$12,500 in the construction of an administration building at the Montpelier Airport at a total cost not to exceed \$100,000, the balance of the funds for the construction of the building to be provided as follows: United States Government \$50,000; State of Vermont \$25,000; City of Barre \$12,500. This recommendation was submitted to the Mayor and City Council by the Executive Committee and appears as an item in the warning for the March meeting for consideration by the voters of the City. The considerations indicating that it is desirable for the City to participate in such a project at this time will be developed in detail in the course of consideration of that item in the warning.

(5) General study of and planning for the City with the aid of technical experts.—Unquestionably any municipality can benefit from an overall study of its resources and operations by municipal planning consultants. Such consultants, because of their broad knowledge of operating procedures which have been found to work in other municipalities, can spot areas requiring study much more effectively than local citizens, no matter how intelligent or conscientious they may be, because local citizens are bound to regard the activities in the one city with which they are intimately familiar as normal and accepted. This need for professional planning assistance by municipalities of the size of Montpelier is so great that the federal government is willing to make available to such cities one-half of the cost of such general planning studies. These funds are available under Section 701 of the Federal Housing Act.

Because of these considerations a great deal of time has been given by the Executive Committee to this matter.

As a result of these studies the Executive Committee has recommended to the Mayor and City Council that the City appropriate \$4,000 to be used by the City Council in its discretion for general planning purposes. It is intended that these funds be made available to the Council in such manner that the Council will be able, if it thinks proper, to spend the money for general planning studies with respect to which \$4,000 of matching funds will be available from the federal government, or to spend so much of the money as is deemed desirable, for planning in specific areas with respect to which matching federal funds would not be available.

David F. Hoxie, *Chairman*

PLANNING COMMISSION SUB COMMITTEES

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Beach E. Bly
Albert R. Purchase
Albert D. Lane, Jr.
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William M. Hill
Lyman Brockway
Gerald Ball

Technical Consultant

Clifford Bowman

Zoning and Land Uses

Chester Roemmelt, *Chairman*
George Bertrand
Andrew Brown
Kirtland Keve
Robert Simon
Fred Somers
Rupert Spencer

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Employees: 9

Expenditures: \$35,331.72

Arrests—Municipal Court, for calendar year—173	Ordinance violations—Police Court—1,734
Burglary..... 3	Meter..... 1,364
Larceny..... 1	Speed..... 70
Auto theft 1	Bus stop 10
Liquor laws..... 3	Pro. area..... 173
Fraud..... 3	All night Parking..... 41
Intoxication 61	Sidewalk..... 4
Driving while intoxicated.... 12	Crosswalk..... 5
Breach of Peace..... 4	U turn..... 5
Motor vehicle offenses 85	Misc. 62
Juvenile cases handled by Police—no Court record..... 13	
Calendar year—Accidents investigated..... 179	Doors found unlocked..... 199
Transients given lodging .. 134	Complaints investigated... 446
Radio calls 1,435	Radio calls from State Police..... 86

Bicycle Safety Patrol

Income—Registration—25 cents each—\$168.25

Expenses—Plates, badges, etc.—\$134.05

Balance—\$34.20

Court sessions held—7 Respondents in Court—38 Convicted—34
 Acquitted—4

The Department now consists of the Chief, Captain (Asst. Chief) A. R. McLellan, Lieutenant (in charge nights) B. W. Roy, Meter technician V. W. Thomas and five Patrolmen.

Recommendations for the coming year call for some increases that are necessary, including a pay raise (\$7.00 per week for the Chief and \$5.00 per week for the other eight Officers) this would make the pay scale more comparable to other Cities. An additional allowance has been asked for, for overtime to cover periods that only one Officer is at present, on duty. A new patrol car is needed, also new overcoats and trousers.

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Connor, *Chief*

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Employees: 16
Callmen: 20
Fire Police: 9

Expenditures: \$65,109.47

The following sets forth the expenditures, number of alarms, insurance paid on property fire loss and my recommendations for the ensuing year.

Alarms

During the Calendar Year from January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956, the department responded to 174 calls as follows: 158 in City; 47 residential, 4 non-residential assembly, 5 mercantile, 4 manufacturing, 1 miscellaneous, 27 brush, 21 others including autos, 49 alarms for non-fires; 16 were for calls outside the City, Middlesex—6, Berlin—7, Worcester—1, Calais—1, and Barre Town—1.

Fire Loss

Insurance paid on property fire losses in excess of \$50.00 covering the Calendar Year 1956, as reported to the State Fire Marshal's Office was \$12,221.00 for 19 fires in the City of Montpelier.

Hose

The department has on hand 7,850 ft. of 2½ in. hose, and 2200 ft. of 1½ in. hose in good condition.

Equipment

The department apparatus consists of the following: A 1952-750 G. P. M. pumper, a 1948—750 G. P. M. pumper, a 1940—85 ft. aerial ladder truck, a 1935—600 G. P. M. pumper, a 1924—750 G. P. M. pumper, a 1948—¾ ton service truck and Chief's car.

No major equipment was purchased with the exception of 800 ft. of 2½ in. hose and 200 ft. of 1½ in. hose.

Activities

Considerable work was done on the alarm system, the transfer of the over-head lines onto several new poles about the city. All alarm boxes (75) were cleaned, oiled and painted.

The entire walls and ceilings on the 2nd floor of the fire station were given two coats of paint. The window sash on 2nd floor, all doors on the main floor were painted on the outside.

All public, commercial and industrial buildings have been inspected monthly to spot and eliminate all unnecessary fire hazards. To this end, our annual fire loss has been kept at a minimum.

Personnel

During the latter part of this year Asst. Chief James R. McDonald left the department due to ill health. He has twenty-two years faithful service to the city. In January, 1947 Thomas F. Redmond resigned. Captain James R. Menard was promoted to Asst. Chief, and fireman Angel J. Ortiz was promoted to Captain. Due to this we are operating with vacancies of two men at the close of the year.

Recommendations

1. The trading in of the Chief's car.
2. The purchase of 500 ft. of $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. hose, 200 ft. of $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. hose, and 200 ft. of $\frac{3}{4}$ in. booster hose.
3. The purchase of one Mobile Radio Unit.
($\frac{1}{2}$ cost be paid by U. S. Gov. funds)

Sidney F. Lawson,
Chief Fire Department

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The following sets forth the number of permits granted during this period for new buildings, repairs, etc.

	No. of Permits	Estimated Cost
New residential buildings:		
One family dwellings.....	26	\$276,700.00
New non-residential buildings:		
Garages.....	11	6,425.00
Service stations.....	1	12,000.00
All additions, alterations and repairs to existing buildings.....	36	25,761.00
Demolitions.....	11	

Respectfully submitted,
 Sidney F. Lawson,
 Building Inspector

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Communicable diseases diagnosed and reported numbered 402.
2. Inspections of hotels, restaurants, lunch counters, grocery stores, and boarding houses selling or serving milk and cream or products thereof totalled 114.

3. 123 water samples were taken and sent to the Vermont State Public Health Laboratory in Burlington for bacterial analysis. 99 were reported as negative and 22 as contaminated, with a resultant 22.2% contamination rate. Two were broken.

4. Physical examinations for those competing in the major high school sports have been continued.

5. At Union and St. Michael's Schools, a total of 127 vaccinations for smallpox, 161 for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis, and 279 for poliomyelitis have been given. This has been made possible through the cooperation of the officials of both schools and the unflagging efforts of the respective school nurses, Miss Mildred Hallgren and Mrs. Reuben Zile.

6. Under the auspices of the Vermont State Dept. of Health the following services were rendered:

- a. Chest Clinics—216 chest X-rays taken.
- b. Crippled Children's Clinics—Attendance 114
- c. Tumor Clinics—Attendance—11
- d. Pediatric Medical Consultations—7
- e. Food and Lodging establishments. Consultations or Inspections—276
- f. Hospital, nursing home consultations or inspections—9
- g. Water, sewage, school building, other environmental health problems. Consultations—75
- h. Blood specimens analyzed—918
- i. Two Polio Clinics held, at which 300 immunizations were given.

These clinics were run by the Public Health Nurses, the physicians of Montpelier, and many volunteer workers from the community.

7. Recommendations:

Within the past year a goodly amount has been accomplished toward fulfilling the standing recommendations of this department.

The successful operation of a sanitary land fill has been inaugurated.

An extremely satisfactory plan for the permanent improvement of the purity and quality of our water supply has been presented by a group of consulting engineers. This department highly recommends this plan and fervently hopes that it will be approved and adopted at the coming Town Meeting.

The problem of the revamping of our sewage system has been given careful consideration, and it is hoped that progress will be made toward this end in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. L. Davis, M.D.,
Health Officer

TREE WARDEN

Your tree warden submits herewith his annual report for the year ending January 31, 1956.

During the past year the removal of several of our stately elms and other tree species was required due to their demise or being in a state of bad decay. Eight elms, three maples, one poplar, ash and butternut were cut down for above reason excepting the poplar which was causing extensive damage to the roof of a residence. Ten other trees were trimmed to remove dead or otherwise dangerous branches. This work was carried out in several sections of the city.

Spraying was not necessary this year and no evidence of insect damage to public shade trees was noted or brought to the tree warden's attention. The tree spraying program of the previous two years effected the control of the elm leaf beetle.

A couple instances were called to my attention on outbreaks of the rose chafer or rose beetle. This insect very rarely attacks trees, except the cherry and apple.

Again the tree warden was glad to advise several Montpelier citizens on inquiries concerning their private trees as well as arranging with a tree company to perform services on trees located on the public school grounds and Hubbard Park property on Summer Street.

The Green Mt. Power Co., New England Telephone Co. and Montpelier Television Service shared the expense with the city on the removal of a large elm on North Street.

The cordial cooperation of all the city officials is very much appreciated and once again serving as your tree warden for the citizens of Montpelier has been a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert G. Simon,
Tree Warden

PUBLIC WORKS

Employees: 22

Expenditures: \$141,346.14

Last year's budget provided for the construction of 0.6 miles and the retreatment of an additional 5.5 miles of city streets. However, an unusually wet spring held the work up one month, and the wet, heavy clay caused further delays after construction started. In addition, an abnormal amount of sewer maintenance held up the installation of the new sewer and drain tile on Liberty Street. Consequently, last year's street program was only 90% completed.

Liberty Street, from Hubbard Street to Heaton Street, Sabin Street and Sibley Avenue were excavated, underdrain installed, back-filled with gravel and seal coated. A new domestic sewer main was installed, all water services checked and replaced with copper tubing where necessary and sidewalks were excavated and backfilled with gravel along these same streets. Concrete curbing was installed and most of the sidewalk completed with a hard surface of bituminous concrete along the Liberty Street project.

The following streets, or sections along them, totalling 4.6 miles were treated with asphalt and stone, Winooski Avenue, Terrace Street, Derby Drive, School Street, Cedar Street, Center Street, Liberty Street, Vine Street, Winter Street, Pearl Street, Spring Street, Marvin Street, East State Street, Loomis Street, Jay Street, Mechanic Street and Summer Street. Approximately 22,500 gallons of asphalt were used on the above projects and approximately 10,700 gallons of asphalt used for cold patching.

The remainder of this program will be completed during the coming year using funds that were not expended during 1956.

During July the open Dump located along the Worcester Branch Road was covered over and a sanitary land-fill method of operation was started on the same location eliminating the smoke and rat nuisance that had existed. This method of disposal became possible when a new TD-9 tractor and loader was purchased for the use of this Department.

The contract for the repairs and painting of the Granite Street bridge was completed and the floor was replanked using Department funds. The Hackett bridge, located along the Worcester Branch road was replanked, all the wooden timbers replaced and a railing constructed.

Winter maintenance costs have been higher this past year due to many small storms that left a total snow-fall of 119 inches for the year. 1,700 cubic yards of treated sand and 345 tons of salt were used for snow and ice control.

Other maintenance work such as honing gravel roads, dust control, street sweeping and cold patching has been carried on as usual.

Nearly 2,800 lineal feet of sewer main was installed this year, most of it being 8" VCT and laid on Liberty Street, Sabin Street and Sibley Avenue. Ten new manholes and twenty-two new receivers were built along these projects.

Maintenance costs for this Department have been increasing each year mostly due to “root” trouble and dirt accumulation in the mains that flushing does not eliminate.

Respectfully submitted,
John MacKenzie,
Street Commissioner

Employees: 9	Expenditures: \$48,118.89
Revenues:	
Cash on hand February 1, 1956.....	\$ 13,709.54
Water Rents.....	\$ 52,057.27
Private Work	7,871.03
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Total Revenues.....	\$ 59,928.30
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Total to Account for.....	\$ 73,637.84
Expenses:	
Payrolls.....	\$ 25,608.03
Supplies and Services.....	22,510.86
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Total expenses	\$ 48,118.89
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Cash on hand February 1, 1957.....	\$ 25,518.95

Fifty service lines were replaced with copper tubing, seventy-five leaks were repaired, four hydrants were replaced, one new hydrant installed, and five new gates installed.

Seven hundred feet of small sized mains were replaced and fifteen hundred seventy lineal feet of 4" and 6" cast iron pipe added to our system by the Developer on Terrace Street project. Nineteen new connections were installed this past year.

Five thousand three year old trees were planted on City owned land in the Town of Berlin and over fifteen acres of wood-lots pruned.

Respectfully submitted,
John MacKenzie,
Water Commissioner

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

RELIEF TO POOR

	Total Persons
Aid to Dependent Children Grants.....	11
Old Age Assistance Grants.....	33
Aid to Disabled Grants.....	6
Aid to Transients.....	65
Temporary aid, in majority of cases due to illness of wage earner.....	122
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	237

In the above tabulation the statistics for aid to dependent children, old age assistance recipients and to the disabled is supplementary to the grants which they receive.

The City's share for A. D. C. was \$1,548.00. This aid was granted to 18 families and is paid jointly by the Federal Government, the State and the City. The City's share is one-eighth of the total.

The City paid one-half of the cost of 9 committed children which share was \$1,189.52. The other half was paid by the State.

COST OF DEPARTMENT

The comparative expense, income and net cost for the poor and maintaining the City Farm for the past three years are as follows:

Year	Expense	Income	Net Cost
1954	\$29,869.40	\$5,861.48	\$24,007.92
1955	28,393.76	7,125.95	21,267.81
1956	24,787.83	5,806.73	18,981.10

CITY FARM

The City Farm was closed on June 15, 1956, and the five inmates at the farm were placed in private homes.

The cost of maintaining the City Farm from February 1, 1956 to June 15, 1956, was \$3,802.59 and the income \$2,561.53 making a net cost of \$1,378.17.

HEATON HOSPITAL

Service furnished to city patients for 543 patient days was \$8,-196.49, income \$2,879.42, making a net cost of \$5,317.07.

The comparative expense, income and net cost for the past three years are as follows:

Year	Expense	Income	Net Cost
1954	\$13,921.06	\$2,719.65	\$11,201.41
1955	12,162.26	3,377.56	8,784.70
1956	8,196.49	2,879.42	5,317.07

The hospital income represents reimbursements for patients who have a pauper settlement in other towns, and payments from the State Auditor's Office for transient cases.

Respectfully submitted,
Leodina Ryan, *Overseer*

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is our twenty-first annual report to the citizens of the City of Montpelier on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1956.

The total number of recipients in the State has remained reasonably stable for some years. The number aided in the Totally and Permanently Disabled program has continued to increase. Old Age Assistance and Blind Assistance caseloads have declined. The impact of the Social Security Insurance programs are a continuing factor in the reduction of case loads as an increasing number of our people attain a fully insured status. The towns and cities participated financially in two of the programs as indicated below. Administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance have always been among the lowest in the nation.

Old Age Assistance.....	\$90,994.00
Aid to Blind	3,486.00
Aid to Dependent Children*	12,220.00
Aid to the Disabled.....	5,269.00
Committed Children**	4,096.44
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Total.....	\$116,065.44

W. Arthur Simpson,
Commissioner

*One-eighth paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

**One-half paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

BARRE-MONTPELIER AIRPORT COMMISSION

As will be noted from the listing of traffic figures, the growth of traffic continued at a high rate with 9,366 airline passengers going through the station. The special weekend ski flights operated by Northeast Airlines contributed much to this growth. Another factor was the non-stop flight to New York during the summer period of June 15 to September 15, tying in with the schedule at Newport. Even during the winter, the New York flight makes only one stop at Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Through the courtesy of National Life Insurance Co. which made available the services of its Associate Counsel, David F. Hoxie, the Barre-Montpelier Airport Commission was represented at the CAB hearings on the extension of the Northeast system to Florida. Further support was given by the State of Vermont and the City of Burlington to present a package case for all Vermont points. The CAB granted the requested extension, thereby setting up a service from all New England points on Northeast to Washington and Florida.

Northeast Airlines installed an aviation gasoline tank and pump to provide for refueling on turn-around flights.

The 500 ft. extension on the southerly end of runway 17-35 was completed during the summer. Among other things, it involved removal of approximately 25,000 cubic yards of underground rock ledge, three times more than had been first estimated. This runway now has a total length of 4,500 ft., with an over-run of an additional 800 ft. which forms a suitable base for further extension of the runway by that amount, should it be considered essential in the future.

The National Life Insurance Co. constructed a new hangar and ramp to provide space for its twin-engine private plane. The hangar is heated, and is considered a model of its type. A drilled well to provide water for this hangar appears to have produced a volume adequate for any future additional needs of the airport through arrangements which might be made with National Life.

Since this hangar is constructed on airport land owned by the two cities, a ten year lease was signed by National Life and the cities, with provision for two subsequent renewals of a like period. Rental, based upon the area leased, was paid in advance for the 30 year period. The larger part of this fee was used to defray the expenses of constructing a garage to house three pieces of runway plowing equipment. The garage is provided with sufficient heat to maintain a temperature slightly above freezing. This garage, in substance, replaces the shelter owned by Vermont Flying Service and used for a similar purpose. This shelter was located on the area now occupied by the new National Life hangar. The financial details of the lease and use of the proceeds there from are contained in the financial statement of airport operations.

Operations of the Vermont Flying Service continue to expand with the program of flight scholarships established by the Cabot Founda-

tion at Norwich University. Ten students received such scholarships this year, and a larger number is anticipated in the near future. The course provides for acquirement of a private pilot license.

Tentative application has been made by the Commission for federal funds in the amount of \$50,000 toward construction of a new terminal building. Inasmuch as the federal share would provide for one-half the estimated cost, it would be contemplated that \$25,000 might be provided by the State of Vermont, and that the two municipalities appropriate \$12,500 each. The present building is rapidly becoming inadequate in terms of the volume of passenger traffic during the past year, and of requirements for CAA radio equipment.

Installation of the low frequency inner and outer markers which were flight tested last year will probably be undertaken shortly. These radio installations would result in an estimated 50% improvement in landings during bad weather, through lowering the minimum ceiling under which landings are now permitted.

Inasmuch as the CAA is discontinuing operation of airway beacons, the local airport commission will have to assume operation of the airway beacon located on the hill southwest of the airport. This beacon serves as a necessary reference point for night landings, and therefore becomes essential to the airport operations. As it lies within two miles of the airport, CAA will not continue its operation and maintenance.

	Airline Traffic			
	On		Off	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Passengers	4,917	3,854	4,459	3,928
Mail	14,990	12,548	9,313	7,525
Express	46,094	31,043	11,491	8,933
Freight	14,092	10,552	9,523	13,253

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Edw. F. Knapp, *Chairman*
Mayor Cornelius O. Granai, *Co-Chairman*
Donald G. Martin, *Montpelier Member*
Charles Cerasoli, *Barre Member*

BARRE-MONTPELIER AIRPORT

Financial Statement

February 1, 1956 to January 31, 1957

Receipts

Northeast Airlines rent.....	\$3,500.00	
Vermont Flying Service rent.....	620.00	
House rent.....	250.00	
Interstate Equipment rent.....	100.00	
CAA rent for remote control quarters	1.00	
CAA—Services and Utilities for INSACS quarters.....	676.39	
Electricity for Snack Bar.....	60.00	
State of Vermont—maintenance assistance	1,200.00	
National Life Insurance Company—30 yr. lease for Hangar construction	6,035.44	
Total operating receipts	\$	12,442.83
Barre's share of disbursements 2/1/56- 7/31/56		3,861.03
Total receipts	\$	16,303.86

Disbursements

Snowplowing and sanding runways	\$5,258.29	
Property Taxes.....	1,573.25	
Electrical maintenance—labor and materials	1,394.09	
Janitor service.....	960.00	
Light and power.....	846.90	
Bookkeeping services.....	700.00	
Fuel oil.....	671.91	
General maintenance—labor and materials.	480.43	
Public Liability Insurance	241.00	
Legal services.....	100.00	
Sundry supplies	66.11	
60% refund to Vt. Flying Service as per lease agreement dated 3/3/54	72.00	
New garage to house snowplowing equip- ment.....	5,853.31	
Total operating disbursements.....	\$	18,217.29
Barre's share of receipts 2/1/56-7/31/56.....		1,309.23
Total disbursements.....	\$	19,526.52

Total operating cost.....	\$ 5,774.46
Montpelier's share.....	\$ 2,887.23
*Montpelier's airport insurance account.....	20.30
Total cost to Montpelier...	\$ 2,907.53

*Note—Insurance items carried individually by each city.

CITY LISTERS

	1955	1956
Real Estate Grand List.....	\$169,684.64	\$170,629.50
Personal Property	18,103.23	19,299.78
	\$187,787.87	\$189,929.28
Taxable Polls	4,338.00	4,291.00
Total Grand List.....	\$192,125.87	\$194,220.28
Number of Poll Tax Exemptions.....	1,034	1,037

Real Estate Exemptions

Statutory	{ State of Vermont.....	\$4,742,563
	{ City of Montpelier.....	3,488,763
	{ Other.....	5,290,647
Military.....		86,800
Voted.....		141,653
Total Exemptions—Real Estate.....		\$13,750,426
Total Exemptions—Personal Property.....		66,815
Total Exemptions.....		\$13,817,241

Listers have estimated that there will be an increase in assessed value of \$200,000 for the coming year over the 1956 total Grand List values. This increase will be primarily from new construction.

Respectfully submitted,
 Leslie G. Gallup, *Chairman*
 Elmer E. Pierce

RECREATION BOARD

With the increase in our budget appropriation came the completion of the maintenance work which had been delayed for a number of years because of lack of funds. The work completed included repairs on the locker rooms, bleachers and grandstand at the field and shower room repairs at the bath house.

The addition of a full time maintenance supervisor has made for marked improvement in the general appearance of all of our recreation facilities and we are well satisfied with the savings we have been able to make in all phases of maintenance. The Department purchased two grass mowers during the summer, one for high grass and the other a gang mower for the playing fields.

The Department initiated a number of new programs during the year, outstanding among them were the day camp and tot lot programs during the summer months. We hope to expand both of these facilities and to offer longer periods of operation next year.

We have for some time been talking about long range planning and would offer the following recommendations for completion next year.

1. That an appraisal of the community be made to determine needs and a plan adopted to implement them.
2. That a permanent planning group be formed as a part of the City Planning Commission.
3. That plans be developed for meeting our immediate needs such as a suitable skiing and skating area, an outdoor multiple-use area, and aquisition of suitable neighborhood play areas.

Far sighted planning is essential to a progressive and effective recreation system in Montpelier. If the city is to meet the needs of the future with planned program and facilities for recreation a plan of action needs to be developed now.

We wish to thank all the various organizations and individuals that have added so much to our program of the past year and look forward to another year of service to the community.

Herbert Farrington, *Chairman*
Mrs. Raymond Maguire, *Secretary*
William Heaton
Ralph Taylor
Richard Babcock

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Activities were expanded indoors because of the added use of City Hall where all of our Leagues have been playing on two to three nights a week. The Community Hall continues to operate on six days and evenings a week. The Gym and game rooms have been open after school and three evenings a week for general use and a number of other special indoor activities have taken up the remainder of days.

With the formation of two active Team Councils one for 6, 7, 8th

grades and the other for High School students teen activities have increased to the point where in January the group opened their own Teen Center which will be open on weeks ends. The Junior Teens have had 17 dances and the Capital Teens 30 dances during the year.

The Ice Skating area located at the VFW was discontinued last year because of the lack of sufficient space and at the opening of the Skating season this year the rink at Vt. Jr. College has been used by the Dept.

The Ski area at Sabin Meadow started operation again in Jan. after closing late in Feb. of last year with good attendance from children. Regular Ski classes are conducted for adults and children weekly. The rope tow sees little use by adults and only a small amount of revenue is realized because of no charge to children.

Activities at the field included the Men's softball league which this year played three evenings a week and had five teams. Other activities at the field were Little League, Babe Ruth League, High School Football, Baseball, and Track, the Jr. Legion, and the Men's Baseball team. Tennis instruction was given during May and June at the courts at VJC.

The Swimming pool operated for a 10 week season with a total attendance of 17,420 and there were over 200 children who took lessons in beginners immediate, and advance swimming and life saving. The annual Water Carnival this past year included a fire works display and some 2,000 persons attended.

Three different play areas were operated for a period of six weeks one at St. Michael's School, one on Clarendon Ave., and one on Berlin Street. Each of the play areas had two supervisors on during the morning hours and on two evenings a week. Total attendance for all play areas was 3,721. The Tot lot program for pre-schoolers was operated for five weeks at the Union School area with an average attendance of 60 children.

Indian Crest Day Camp had the largest attendance of any one activity during the summer and operated at Hubbard Park for two weeks during the month of Aug. The registration for the period was 232 with an average of 200 campers attending per day. Next year the camp will operate for four weeks.

PARTICIPATION PROFILE ACTIVITIES—figures represent total number of different persons taking part, during year.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Leather Crafts	20
Basketry	15
Art Classes	35
Upholstry	20

ATHLETICS AND GAMES

Archery	150
Baseball	40
Basketball	
Clinics	60
Leagues	100
Softball	75
Table Tenn.	150
Tennis	65
Volleyball	40
Weight Lift	15
Table Games	300

DANCING

Creative	60
Ballroom	75
Social	350
Sq. Dancing	400

PLAYGROUNDS AND CAMPS

Playgrounds	400
Tot Lot	65
Day Camp	232

WATER SPORTS

Swimming	3000
Instruction	200
Canoeing	40

WINTER SPORTS

Skating	500
Instruction	90
Skiing	300
Instruction	80

SPECIAL SERVICES

Equipment Loan	100
Senior Citizens	80
Dances, parties	50
Ski, Skate Sale	100

ANNUAL EVENTS

Hallowee'en	800
Christmas	600
Ice Carnival	500
Water Carnival	2000
Parties	600
Roller Skating	300
Track, Field meet	40
Soap Box Derby	35
Charm School	50
Cheer Leading	70
Special Trips	80

Swimming Pool	17,420
Community Center	20,000
Playgrounds	2,882
Skating Rinks	1,200
Camp Area	2,325
Athletic Field and Track ..	3,800
Ski and Tow	1,000
Softball Diamonds	2,000
L L Diamond	1,200
Baseball Field	1,200

RECREATION LEADERS**PAID**

Supt.—1 full time	
Maintenance—1 full time	
Part Time—	
Women 14	
Men— 12	
—	
28	

VOLUNTEERS

Activity Leaders Men—	30
Women—	15
Board Members & Others	
Men—	20
Women—	5
	70

Respectfully submitted,
 James Fearon,
Recreation Director

PARK COMMISSIONERS

This year your Park Commissioners withdrew funds from a savings account to purchase a second hand dump truck which replaced one in use for fifteen years. Also additional attention was given to cutting brush beside the roads before it was too large.

In cooperation with the Recreation Department the Park was used very successfully as a Day Camp for two weeks in August with much interest shown. Your Commission is willing to cooperate in a greater use in this respect if sufficient interest is shown by allowing the construction of a Park shelter.

5,000 pine seedlings have been purchased for transplanting in unused open fields next spring. Two tile culverts were completely replaced near the Spring Street entrance and the building of two new picnic tables was required to replace an equal number which were beyond repair.

Due to experience with abuse and misuse of the Park at night your Commissioners have decided to close all road entrances at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert G. Simon, *Chairman*
Ralph F. Taylor
Horace R. Teachout
Norman K. Pine
Albert C. Bliss

PARK COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Total Assets at February 1, 1956 \$7,125.11

Receipts

City of Montpelier—1956 Appropriation..... \$1,500.00
Interest on Funds held by City..... 507.98
Coupons and Interest from Savings Accounts.... 138.46
Insurance Refund..... 13.15

Total Receipts..... \$2,159.59

Total Available..... 9,284.70

Expenditures

Labor..... \$2,170.00
Truck Purchase 1,095.00
Supplies..... 380.51
Gas and Oil..... 122.06
Insurance..... 68.59
Truck Repairs..... 37.17

Total Expenditures..... \$3,873.33

Total Assets at January 31, 1957 \$5,411.37

Note: Assets are invested in U. S. Treasury Bonds or deposited with local banks.

GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Mayor, City Council and the City Manager:

Special attention has been given during 1956 to resetting of old monuments and improving the roads within the cemetery. This work will be continued during 1957. The drainage problem encountered with the new development has now been remedied and the lots in this section are now among the most desirable within the cemetery. It is planned to have suitable shrubbery or a flower plot in the center of the section which will add to the attractiveness of this section.

RESIDENCE AT LOWER STATE STREET

The Commission has nothing definite to report at this moment about the final disposition of this property. Several conferences have been held with City Attorney Paterson and he has had conferences with the State Highway Department.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As indicated in our 1955 report, the Commission has, at the suggestion of the Committee on City Reports, discontinued itemizing the securities and has simply listed the holdings of the Trust account by categories. If any citizen desires to see a list of the individual items we suggest that he contact the City Treasurer in whose custody the Securities are entrusted.

ELM STREET CEMETERY

In accordance with the provision of the City Charter, the Green Mount Cemetery has assumed the care of the Elm Street Cemetery.

CONCLUSION

The members of the Commission again commend the good work of Superintendent Richardson in caring for the property and his valuable contribution to the management of the cemetery.

Due to further economies put into effect in 1956 and the favorable returns from our investments we are again reducing our request from the city. We respectfully ask favorable consideration for an appropriation of \$4,500.00 as against \$5,500.00 for 1956. In addition to the reduction of \$1,000.00 the Commission will assume the \$250.00 usually appropriated for the Elm Street Cemetery, thus making a total saving to the city of \$1,250.00 for 1957.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. McKee, *Chairman*
Mrs. R. F. Bliss
E. Stanley Jayne
H. B. Hudson
Hugh B. Jones

CEMETERY COMMISSION TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF GENERAL ACCOUNT

Debit

1956

Feb. 1	By Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1956.....	\$ 4,313.11	
	Amt. rec'd from care of lots, etc.	4,661.05	
	Amt. rec'd from lots sold	700.00	
	Amt. rec'd from trust funds.....	7,586.79	
	Voted Appropriation.....	5,500.00	
			\$ 22,760.95

Credit

	Paid out for labor, etc.....	\$ 11,019.07	
	Paid out for material and supplies ...	2,882.66	
	Paid out for insurance.....	362.66	
	Paid out for withholding taxes	885.09	
	Paid out for water rent.....	148.00	
	Paid out for telephone	209.27	
	Paid out for electricity.....	87.30	
	Bal. cash on hand	7,166.90	
			\$ 22,760.95

The Annie F. Eaton Fund

Debit

	To amt. of fund created, Oct. 16, 1902 \$	200.00	
	Income to Jan. 1, 1957.....	430.35	
			\$ 630.35

Credit

	Mont. Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co., stock.....	\$ 37.00	
	By deposit Acct. No. 21775.....	593.35	
			\$ 630.35

The James R. Langdon Fund

Debit

	To amt. of fund created, Apr. 1, 1899\$	3,000.00	
	Income to Jan. 1, 1957.....	380.21	
			\$ 3,380.21

Credit

	By deposit Acct. No. 18879.....	\$ 3,380.21	
			\$ 3,380.21

Trust Fund Account

1956

Feb. 1	To amt. of fund.....	\$165,722.10	
	Amt. of funds rec'd during year	3,475.00	
		\$ 169,197.10	
	Loss on Securities sold	806.34	
			\$ 168,390.76

Investments

Bonds.....	\$ 62,000.00	
Investment Trusts.....	\$ 66,763.19	
Stocks including bank stock.....	39,179.57	
Bal. cash in account No. 15519.....	448.00	
		<hr/> \$ 168,390.76

Chapel Repair Fund

1956

Feb. 1 Bal. on hand.....	\$ 381.47	
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To paid vouchers.....	\$ 381.47	
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The foregoing is a just and true account.

Warren B. Lowe,
Treasurer

DISTRICT NURSE

The Montpelier Woman's Club, Inc., submits the following statement of the income and expenses of the District Nurse Fund for the fiscal year of the City, February 1, 1956 through January 31, 1957.

The District Nurse made 1,815 calls and visited 434 patients. There were 717 free calls.

Income

Balance on hand, February 1, 1956	\$	887.52
City of Montpelier	\$1,800.00	
Collections from District Nurse	1,509.00	
Interest on United States Bonds	150.00	
New England Telephone & Telegraph Bonds ..	135.00	
Capital Savings Bank & Trust Co., Dividend ..	16.00	
Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co., Dividend	36.72	
Charity Ball	418.25*	4,064.97
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		\$4,952.49

Expenses

Salaries of Nurse and substitute	\$2,657.50	
Social Security Payments	53.16	
Nurses' Car Allowance	600.00	
Telephone	115.33	
Supplies	43.07	
Remedial Fund	62.66	
Insurance on Nurse	9.00	
Safe Deposit Box Rental	3.30	
Collection charge on Coupons	1.10	
Charity Ball	200.92*	3,746.04
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Balance on hand, January 31, 1957		\$1,206.45

*Net profit from Charity Ball was \$199.33. \$18.00 was paid for postage in January 1956 before there was any income from the Charity Ball.

Respectfully submitted,
Montpelier Woman's Club, Inc.
Marian W. Hayward,
Treasurer

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Montpelier:

ORGANIZATION

On March 6, 1956, the Board organized by electing as its officers: Chairman, Morton A. Laird; Secretary, Mrs. Robert G. Holt; Treasurer, Horace R. Teachout. Temporary special committees appointed by the chairman were: teachers committee, Elbridge G. Miller, Walter G. Nelson, Jr. and Mrs. Harold L. Somers; teacher salary committee, Loriman S. Brigham, Horace R. Teachout and Mrs. Robert G. Holt; budget committee, Horace R. Teachout, William S. Heaton and Loriman S. Brigham. The chairman is an ex-officio member of all such committees.

Last March, Mrs. Robert G. Holt, Elbridge G. Miller were re-elected to the Board. Carl H. Hopkins was elected to the position vacated by Dr. Harry L. Colombo who had served on the Board for four years.

BUDGET

Operating expenses for the year have followed closely the budget allocations. This coming year the Board finds it imperative to ask for an increase in its funds as explained in the following paragraphs.

Staff and Salaries—Two objectives of the School Department for many years have been to have adequate building space and reasonable class pupil loads for the teachers. The first objective has been realized, thanks to the new high school. No real gain has been made in the latter because of the rapidly increasing school population. Room enrollments in several of the grades and in certain high school departments have been well over the 30 mark. In order to make real progress in reducing pupil loads it is necessary to employ 6 additional teachers for the coming year. Five of these will be assigned to the grades and one to the high school.

Salary—During the past year there has been a great deal of discussion throughout the state, and nation, concerning the relatively low pay teachers have been receiving. Legislation will be introduced in the coming session of the Legislature to establish higher minimum salaries and also provide salary increases for experience in the profession. Comparison of pay scales in other larger communities of the state showed, as it has in the last several years, that the relative position of the Montpelier teachers' pay was falling. It is difficult to state the exact position because it varies, depending upon what factors are compared. However, the poorest showing was on the maximum pay offered. Many members of the staff have put in long years of service and their presence provides a stabilizing influence on the school system. Their faithful service to the schools must be recognized and rewarded. But it is also desirable to have new members coming along. To interest good beginners and those of a few years' experience it is necessary that Montpelier be in a more competitive position.

A new salary schedule has been adopted for the next school year which starts at \$3200 for the Bachelor's and \$3500 for the Master's degree and in 14 yearly increments reaches a maximum of \$5000 and \$5300. For those teachers who wish to make teaching in Montpelier a long term position, the schedule offers additional increments of \$200 per year for the last 5 years of their teaching careers—provided they will reach retirement age at the end of the five year period and also that they have taught 20 years in Montpelier. A good teaching staff is essential to the maintenance of a good school system. Adequate salaries are mandatory if such a quality staff is to be established and retained.

Several other items in the budget show rather substantial increases over the previous year. An increase in enrollment necessitates a larger amount for instructional supplies, pencils, paper, workbooks, etc.—as well as books. Essential to the continued accreditation of the High School is the establishment of more adequate library facilities. Included in the book allotment is a special fund of \$750 for library volumes. A like amount will be called for each year.

With the establishment of special education for the retarded and handicapped child (one who would receive no, or very little, benefit from regular public school attendance) the Board has voted in each case to meet the tuition charge (payable to the State) up to the per pupil costs of all its children. This is a very worthwhile expenditure in helping these children. This expense is about \$3000 annually.

Fuel costs in the past year's budget were largely based on the engineer's predictions which have been remarkably accurate. However, with the oil situation as uncertain as it is today, it appears wise to make an allowance for an almost inevitable increase in fuel prices.

A considerable increase is necessary in the allocation for lights and power. The previous figure was largely an estimate based upon less than a month's operation of the new building. The extensive use made of the building, especially the gymnasium, makes for a heavy electric consumption.

TRANSPORTATION

Two items are largely responsible for the increase in transportation allowance. The 36-passenger bus is in need of extensive repairs. Therefore \$800 has been included for a new motor and other essentials. In previous years, when it was necessary to purchase a new bus the money was available from surplus funds. As this situation no longer exists, it is considered sound business to establish a modest reserve fund for the purpose of bus replacements. This year the amount of \$1000 has been requested for this purpose.

MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of buildings, grounds, service systems and equipment shows an increase of about \$2000 over the previous year. It is definitely the feeling of the School Department that proper maintenance of its facilities is the most economical procedure in the long run. The new building will need very little work done on it but the other

two need constant attention. A large part of this work is done by the building custodians. At the Main Street school the removal of a partition and the construction of a new one will help to provide rooms of adequate size for the increasing overall enrollment in that building.

Also appearing under this heading is the cost of exchanging typewriters and other commercial department equipment—the average machine is used in the department for a period of 3 years.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

A large part of the capital outlay item last year was for grading at the new High School. This appropriation will not need additional funds this year—therefore does not appear. The grading for most of the physical education and athletic practice areas has been completed and during the coming summer should take on a finished appearance. The remainder of the grading is closely tied to the construction of the by-pass project so cannot be completed until that work is largely finished.

Additional furniture will be needed over the next several years as the enrollment increases and some worn-out units need replacing. The classroom seating in the High School library will be used in some of the vacant classrooms and will be replaced with library tables and chairs. Other items under capital outlay have been held at the past year's level.

STATE AID FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES

The anticipated state aid for the coming fiscal year is in the amount of \$27,600—a sizeable drop from the \$36,003.61 actually received this year. According to the workings of the state aid formula, an important part of the total figure is dependent upon the ratio of the school tax to the total city tax. At the 1955 city meeting the overall tax was \$637,423., of which the school received \$300,200., a favorable ratio. The 1956 meeting voted an overall tax of \$847,082. but the school department's part was \$353,248—a less favorable ratio. This then results in the drop in anticipated school revenues from the State.

Additional state aid may accompany legislative action to increase minimum salaries. However, there is no way of knowing what to expect. It cannot in any way be included in the budget for the coming year.

TUITION

At the present time the tuition rate at the high school is \$280.—a figure which has been in effect two years. This year 190 tuition students are enrolled at the high school. State Law permits a tuition charge not to exceed the average per pupil expenditure for current expenses. The past year this has amounted to \$335.75. With this in mind the Board has voted an increase in the rate to \$335.

For several years past the elementary tuition charge has been \$100. When an arrangement was drawn up with the town of Middlesex to accept 22 of their 7-8 grade pupils the legal maximum of \$155 (set by

state statute) was charged. Beginning next fall this \$155 fee will be levied against all elementary tuition pupils. The agreement with Middlesex was for a 2-year period only—at which time the Main Street School enrollment will not permit any sizeable additions. The income from this tuition has permitted the employment of an extra teacher—all to our advantage.

ENROLLMENT FIGURES

The Montpelier schools opened last fall with a rather substantial increase in the enrollment figure. As of January 4 the figures were as follows:

Kgtn.	100	5	90	9	146
Grade 1	110	6	78	10	132
2	117	7	104	11	112
3	117	8	106	12	91
4	124			P.G.	2
Totals	Elementary	High School		Total	
Jan. 1, 1957	946	483		1429	
Feb. 1, 1956	924	451		1375	
Feb. 1, 1955	897	452		1349	

The Board of School Commissioners is well aware of the increasing school department's budget and has spent many hours in drafting it. However, they are rightfully concerned that the Montpelier Public Schools shall continue to offer the oncoming generations as good an education as possible. The educational philosophy of the schools is "middle of the road"—neither progressive nor conservative. The same thinking holds in financial matters—neither extravagant nor niggardly.

In an effort to reduce costs when possible, a plan has been worked out whereby the School Department and the City Manager will make joint purchases of a considerable variety of items. Such a program will work advantageously for both city departments.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

A little over a year ago the high school was moved to its new quarters. Years of planning by the School Department and citizenry preceded the decision to build. It is a point of interest to note that had the favorable vote been postponed to this present year the cost of the building would have risen about 25% and the interest rate on the bonds doubled. Montpelier, by its wise decision to build when it did saved its taxpayers a considerable amount of money. The new building, widely known and visited by many, is a distinct asset to the City and will be an important factor in promoting the future development of the community.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We deeply appreciate the many gifts, both in money and services which have been extended by various groups and individuals.

The Kiwanis Club—medical, surgical, dental and ocular care for needy children.

Montpelier Woman's Club and Argus Santa—clothing for many deserving children.

Lions Club—a Maico audiometer for Montpelier Schools.

Rotary Club, Lions Club, Elks, Kiwanis Club, City Club—sponsoring boys to Boys' State and girls to Girls' State.

Rotary Club—sponsoring students to the Model United Nations and helping with the "career days" at the high school.

Montpelier High School Alumni Association—prizes, gifts (a high-fidelity record player) and help to needy students in many ways.

Mothers' Clubs—providing refreshments at Education Week programs.

Kellogg Hubbard Library—close cooperation with many school projects.

A.A.U.W.—\$250 college scholarship to a high school senior girl.

V. F. W.—Commencement award.

Dr. Davis—generous contribution of his time for immunization and examination clinics and physical examinations for high school varsity athletic teams.

Dr. Colombo—giving freely of his time for physical examinations for J. V. football teams.

Other local doctors for their willingness to be in attendance at home football games.

Many citizens and organizations beyond the above mentioned have been of great assistance to the Board and the schools in many ways. We gratefully acknowledge the fine spirit of cooperation.

CONCLUSION

In conformity with the Montpelier City Charter, we recommend to the City Council that the amount to be raised by taxation for school purposes for the fiscal year of 1957-1958 is \$389,297.60 of which \$43,500.00 is for debt service.

Respectfully submitted,
 Morton A. Laird, *Chairman*
 Margaret P. Holt, *Secretary*
 Horace R. Teachout, *Treasurer*
 Walter G. Nelson, Jr.
 Mrs. Harold L. Somers
 Elbridge G. Miller
 Loriman S. Brigham
 William S. Heaton
 Carl H. Hopkins

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

Receipts

Balance unexpended Feb. 1,		
1956.....	\$ 26.90	
Requisitions.....	<u>450,346.38</u>	
Total receipts and balance.....		\$ 450,373.28

Expenditures

Expended as per vouchers	\$ 443,505.14	
Balance unexpended.....	<u>6,868.14</u>	
Total expenditures and balance.....		\$ 450,373.28

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

	Budget	Actual	Proposed Budget
	1956-1957	1956-1957	1957-1958
Unexpended balance		\$26.90	
City Appropriation (including debt service)	\$353,248.40	\$352,978.31	\$389,297.60
Tuition.....	49,000.00	52,794.52	62,000.00
Rent.....	350.00	578.33	450.00
State Aid (current expense)....	35,000.00	36,003.61	27,662.40
“ “ (vocational & adult) .	500.00	569.60	500.00
Income from buses.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Evening School and adult courses.....	500.00	315.00	350.00
Miscellaneous.....	500.00	5,107.01	500.00
Total receipts.....	\$441,098.40	\$450,373.28	\$482,760.00

Disbursements

	Budget	Actual	Proposed Budget
	1956-1957	1956-1957	1957-1958
General Control.....	\$14,560.00	\$14,055.64	\$15,460.00
Instruction.....	271,600.00	274,996.43	315,900.00
Auxiliary Agencies	5,900.00	5,589.08	8,300.00
Coordinate Activities.....	4,775.00	4,350.90	5,100.00
Operation of Plant.....	52,500.00	51,877.91	59,700.00
Fixed Charges.....	11,400.00	11,180.45	11,300.00
Maintenance.....	9,900.00	10,493.88	12,000.00
Capital Outlay	17,000.00	17,497.45	11,500.00
Debt Service.....	47,152.50	47,152.50	43,500.00
Outstanding Bills.....	6,310.90	6,310.90
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 441,098.40	\$ 443,505.14	\$ 482,760.00

Itemized Breakdown of Expenditures

	Expended 1956-1957
GENERAL CONTROL	
School Census.....	\$ 300.00
Treasurer's Bond	81.08
Salaries (Superintendent, Secretary and Bookkeepers)...	12,749.38
Supplies.....	40.50
Travel and educational meetings.....	153.43
Printing.....	188.50
Postage.....	120.00
Magazines and dues.....	61.75
Auditing of special accounts.....	36.00
Dedication programs.....	325.00
Total.....	\$14,055.64

INSTRUCTION

Administration and Supervision

Salaries (Principals and Secretaries)	\$19,581.14
Supplies.....	57.98
Teachers' Salaries.....	235,708.14
Instructional Supplies.....	10,503.75
Books.....	4,649.36
Commencement, Education Week, etc.	180.81
Postage and express.....	54.09
Audio-visual materials.....	552.23
Tuition for special education.....	2,449.55
Physical examinations—teachers.....	314.00
Rent for classrooms at City Hall.....	200.00
Rental of facilities for athletic association and police supervision.....	384.54
Tuition—trade school	112.50
Dues, Memberships—educational organizations.....	82.50
Expenses of teachers to conferences	71.00
Expenses—teaching candidates.....	21.84
Incidental expenses for adult education classes, physical education demonstration, etc.....	48.00
Expenses of driver training car	25.00
Total.....	\$274,996.43

AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Transportation.....	\$5,589.08
Total.....	\$5,589.08

COORDINATE ACTIVITIES

Attendance Service.....	\$100.00
Nurse and Nursing Supplies.....	4,250.90
Total.....	\$4,350.90

OPERATION OF PLANT

Salaries.....	\$23,171.97
Janitors' supplies.....	3,985.33
Fuel.....	15,280.03
Power and Light.....	7,121.57
Water.....	927.80
Telephone.....	1,298.63
Truck operation.....	92.58
Total.....	\$51,877.91

FIXED CHARGES

Insurance.....	\$6,713.07
Pensions.....	3,550.00
Social Security.....	917.38
Total.....	\$11,180.45

MAINTENANCE

Upkeep of Buildings.....	\$6,173.89
Upkeep of Grounds.....	610.61
Upkeep of Service Systems.....	1,556.98
Repair and replacement of instructional equipment....	1,782.85
Repair and replacement of furniture and operating equipment.....	369.55
Total.....	\$10,493.88

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Instructional Equipment.....	\$2,039.98
Operating Equipment.....	4,420.02
Furniture.....	2,287.45
Grading—New High School.....	8,750.00
Total.....	\$17,497.45

DEBT SERVICE

Interest.....	\$14,152.50
Repayment on Principal.....	33,000.00
Total.....	\$47,152.50

UNPAID BILLS JAN. 31, 1956.....	\$6,310.90
Grand Total.....	\$443,505.14

MONTPELIER HIGH SCHOOL GRADING FUND

Receipts

Transfer from School Budget.....	\$7,500.00
State Aid—transferred from School Funds.....	1,250.00
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Total.....	\$8,750.00

Disbursements

Railway—crossing installation.....	\$232.38
Granite curbing	580.55
Sidewalk—cement and steel.....	566.51
Labor and truck, etc.....	1,074.03
Grading.....	1,233.03
Plantings and seed.....	361.80
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Total.....	\$4,048.30
Balance on hand January 31, 1957.....	\$4,701.70
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Total.....	\$8,750.00

City Meeting Warning

The Legal voters in City Meeting, in Montpelier, in the County of Washington and State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet at the City Hall in said Montpelier on the first Tuesday in March, March 5th, A. D. 1957, at six o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following business:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, three Auditors, one Commissioner of Green Mount Cemetery for a term of five years, one Park Commissioner for a term of five years, three School Commissioners for a term of two years, and three Aldermen, one Alderman each from Wards 1, 3 and 5 for a term of two years.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the City will vote to make the following public improvements, viz: The establishment and construction of approximately 14,700 feet of pipe line varying in diameter from 24 inches to 18 inches and running from a point at the lower end of Upper Berlin Pond, so called, to the present termination of a 20 inch pipe line at the Upper Reservoir, so called, of the City of Montpelier, including intake pipe, intake screen, vacuum priming system, including vacuum pumphouse, vacuum equipment, piping and power line, pressure reducing valve system, including valve structure, pressure reducing valves, and miscellaneous piping, and including the acquisition of necessary rights of way for such construction at a total estimated cost of \$360,000 and incur not exceeding \$360,000 debt to pay for the same.

ARTICLE 3. Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this City? Shall spirituous liquor be sold in this City?

ARTICLE 4. To receive and act on the reports of the City Officers.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate to be for the proper observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate for use by the Montpelier Band in furnishing a series of free summer musical concerts, and will continue the privilege of free use of the City Hall for band purposes and public band concerts.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate for the Board of Park Commissioners for the purpose of maintaining Hubbard Park.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate for the benefit of the Wood Art Gallery.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum of money the City will vote as compensation to the Mayor for his services for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum of money the City will vote as compensation to the Aldermen for their services for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate to be used by the Commissioners of Green Mount Cemetery for the care and maintenance of all public cemeteries in the City of Montpelier.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate to be used for lighting and decoration, including the nativity scene, during the Christmas season.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate to pay the expenses of a District Nurse.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the City will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed Twenty-Seven Hundred Dollars to provide scholarships, not to exceed eight in number, at Vermont Junior College for the school year of 1957-1958; said scholarships to be distributed among the resident graduates of Montpelier High School and St. Michael's High School so far as possible in proportion to the respective number of graduating students, the recipients of such scholarships to be chosen by a committee composed of the Principal of Montpelier High School, the Principal of St. Michael's High School, the President of Vermont Junior College, and two citizens chosen yearly by the City Council of the City of Montpelier.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the City will vote to instruct the City Council to contract for the transportation of pupils.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the City will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars, to a fund established by the City Council known as the Retirement Fund, under and in accordance with No. 189 of the Acts of 1933, as amended by No. 253 of the Acts of 1935.

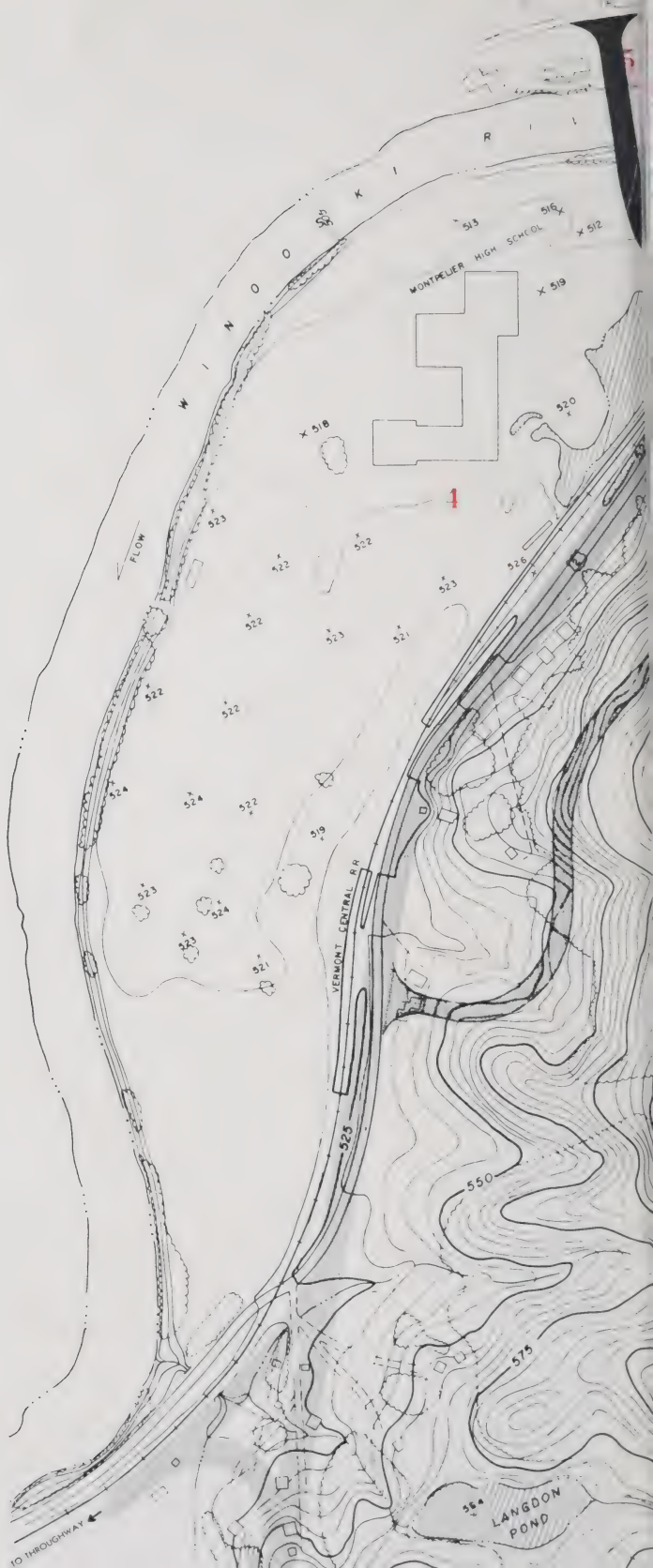
ARTICLE 17. To see if the City will vote to authorize the City Council to purchase for and on behalf of the City of Montpelier for parking lot purposes a certain lot of land commonly known as the Blanchard lot, so called, now used by the City for a public parking lot, for a price not to exceed the sum of \$35,000.00, and to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000.00 to pay therefore by pledging the credit of the City derived from the anticipated income from the operation of its parking meters.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the voters of the City of Montpelier favor a change in the City Charter to permit the payment of taxes in four installments rather than in two installments.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the voters of the City of Montpelier will instruct the Montpelier City Council to maintain the personnel of the Fire Department at fifteen full-time firemen and one full-time Fire Inspector.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the City will vote to rescind the action taken under Article 6 in the Warning for the March meeting, 1953, relating to a tax exemption to new manufacturing establishments in the City.





ANNUAL REPORT

MONTPELIER • VERMONT



1957



Police Chief George Connor began employment with the City of Montpelier in November, 1927 as a patrolman in the Police Department. On July 1, 1953 he was appointed Chief. These thirty years of service have been marked by a conscientious performance of duty combined with a rare talent for commanding both respect and friendship.

Appropriately, Chief Connor has just received national recognition through award of the annual Youth Plaque for his outstanding work in development of the Bicycle Patrol. The Patrol was organized by city ordinance in 1953. The award is made by vote of the 12,000 readers of the National Police Publication "Law and Order".

DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICIALS

FISCAL YEAR 1957

MAYOR

His Honor Edward F. Knapp

22 Winter St.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

President—Herbert F. Farrington

Vice President—Donald G. Martin

Term Expires 1958

Manuel Canas, Jr.	Ward 2	19 First Ave.
Donald G. Martin	Ward 4	9 Jordan St.
Stanley G. Knapp	Ward 6	39 Northfield St.

Term Expires 1959

Colby J. Taylor	Ward 1	12 St. Paul St.
Herbert F. Farrington	Ward 3	Towne St.
Elbert B. Colburn	Ward 5	5 Winter St.

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES

FINANCE.....Farrington, *Chairman*, Martin, Colburn
PUBLIC WORKS.....Martin, *Chairman*, Canas, Knapp
GENERAL DEVELOPMENT..Canas, *Chairman*, Taylor, Farrington

ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Clerk

Warren B. Lowe

City Treasurer

Warren B. Lowe

Auditors

John P. Adams, Jr.

Chairman

William A. Cattanach

Paul B. Williams

Cemetery Commissioners

Lucia B. Bliss 1953-1958

E. Stanley Jayne 1954-1959

Hugh B. Jones, Jr. 1955-1960

William L. McKee

Chairman

Henry B. Hudson 1956-1961

1957-1962

Park Commissioners

Robert G. Simon,

Chairman

1953-1958

Norman K. Pine

1954-1959

Albert C. Bliss

1955-1960

Horace R. Teachout

1956-1961

Ralph F. Taylor

1957-1962

School Commissioners

Margaret P. Holt

1956-1958

Carl H. Hopkins

1956-1958

Elbridge G. Miller

1956-1958

Morton A. Laird,

Chairman

1957-1959

W. Herbert Johnston

1957-1959

John C. Corskie

1957-1959

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

CITY MANAGER..... Ralph Irving
AIRPORT COMMISSION .. Edward F. Knapp, *Ch.*, Donald G. Martin
LISTERS Leslie G. Gallup, *Ch.*, Elmer E. Pierce,
Cornelius H. Lawrence

CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENTS

CITY ENGINEER..... John A. MacKenzie
STREET COMMISSIONER..... John A. MacKenzie
WATER COMMISSIONER..... John A. MacKenzie
OVERSEER OF THE POOR..... Leodina G. Ryan
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT..... Sidney F. Lawson
CHIEF OF POLICE..... George J. Connor
HEALTH OFFICER AND SANITARY
INSPECTOR..... Walter L. Davis, M. D.
RECREATION DIRECTOR..... James E. Fearon
CITY ATTORNEY..... John D. Paterson
CITY GRAND JUROR..... *Louis W. Peck
W. Edson McKee
CITY SHERIFF..... Olisse M. Melada
CITY CONSTABLE..... Olisse M. Melada
FENCE VIEWERS..... Adelaide E. Thayer, Amos Dow,
Francis J. Murtagh
FOREST FIRE WARDEN..... Sidney F. Lawson
POUNDKEEPER..... Dr. Ansel R. Carnahan
SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND INSPECTORS OF SHINGLES
B. Elaine Atkins, Karl H. Norris, Frank E. Perolini
TREE WARDEN..... Robert G. Simon
PURCHASING AGENT..... Ralph Irving
*Resigned.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT—David F. Hoxie, *Chairman*, Howard
Baird, James S. Brock, Adna M. Greaves, Lhoyd T. Hayward,
Leslie G. Gallup, Administrator.

RECREATION BOARD—Herbert F. Farrington, *Chairman*, Richard
T. Babcock, Mrs. Raymond B. Magwire, Ralph F. Taylor, John C.
Corskie.

VERMONT JUNIOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE—
Mrs. Brooks E. O'Neill, *Chairman*, Robert H. Chastney, Rev. W. P.
Crosby, Mrs. Erwin M. Harvey, Ralph E. Noble.

PLANNING COMMISSION—*George F. Adams, *John K. Mum-
ford, *Hermon A. Blanchard, Mahlon Corker, C. Andrew Herschel,
*Eugene R. Greemore, David Hoxie, William L. Duke, Bryce J.
Kinney, H. G. Philbrook, Jr., *Chairman*, Harry Bossi, Oscar L.
Olson, Gilbert Pierce, Mrs. Charles Piche, Mrs. Muriel Williams.

*Resigned.

OTHER OFFICIALS

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

THE CITY COUNCIL—Edward F. Knapp, *Chairman*, Colby J. Taylor, Manuel Canas, Jr., Herbert F. Farrington, Donald G. Martin, Elbert B. Colburn, Stanley G. Knapp.

THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Albert F. Barrett, Louis E. Boucher, Orsolina G. Cecchini, Peter Giuliani, Ruth B. Jones, Ruth A. Knapp, Cornelius H. Lawrence, Perry H. Merrill, Fabian E. Mooney, Elmer E. Pierce, Harry R. Seivwright, Robert G. Simon, John H. Stone, Howard E. Sweeney, William N. Theriault.

BOARD FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES

The City Council, The Justices of the Peace, The City Listers, and the City Clerk.

APPOINTEES TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS BY WASHINGTON COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Loriman S. Brigham, Walter G. Nelson, Jr., Horace R. Teachout.

APPOINTEES BY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

Philip H. Mathewson, Superintendent of Schools
Robert H. Chastney, Principal of the High School
Clarence P. Amadon, Principal of the Union School

THE FIRST YEAR

The past twelve months represent the first full year in which the City Manager form of government has been operative in Montpelier under provisions of the 1955 Charter. It has been a testing period in that the implications of changes brought about by this form of local government have become more clear. As might be expected, the transition from one form to another has produced some stresses and strains in the structure.

However, it would appear that the majority of voters had concluded in 1956 when the Manager vote was taken that some degree of change would be desirable. Otherwise, nothing would be gained by acquiring a City Manager to continue along lines which had become already well established through long practice. It is this mandate to move along more modern lines that has guided the Council in its actions during the past year.

In such a transition period there will always arise the question as to whether the change is being made too fast, or too slowly. Inasmuch as any answer would have to reflect many shades of thought, a clear cut conclusion would be difficult to reach. Even so, it may be stated as a point of agreement by the present Council that, in spite of the desirability of further improvements which are self-evident, any program of that nature must be reconciled with the tax resources which appear to exist within the City. It is recognized that there are limits beyond which a tax rate cannot go without producing diminishing returns in the overall aspect of development. Somewhere at the other end of the scale is also a low tax rate below which it would be equally hazardous to venture. To move blindly into this area is to invite economic problems in the form of deteriorating municipal facilities which at some future date will have to be rehabilitated at a cost which will swing the tax pendulum back to the other end. A tax rate of reasonable amount, moving within a narrow range is a desirable asset to any municipality. However, tax rates, of necessity, are a reflection of national economic trends. It is unreasonable to assume that municipal costs involving materials and labor can remain static if costs rise in all other fields.

As time goes on, it is the firm conviction of this Council that the past year will be recorded as one in which the largest number of physical changes have occurred within the City of any single year in its history. Reference is made to ground breaking and start of construction on the new National Life Insurance Home Office Building; near completion of the Vermont Crossroads Store; start of construction on the Winooski Avenue By-Pass, and installation of the greater part of the new siphon water system between Berlin Pond and the intake of the City system. While not related to construction within Montpelier, an agreement was reached whereby water from the Montpelier system will become available to the newly formed Berlin Fire District No. 1 on the Barre-Mont-

pelier Road. In addition, plans are underway for a new Airport Administration Building, the expenses of which will be shared among the federal government, State of Vermont, and the Cities of Montpelier and Barre.

In other fields, city ordinances were placed on record pertaining to trailers, trailer parks, and development of new subdivisions. In the drafting of these ordinances, the Planning Board exercised a dominant role.

It is probable that the full effect of these developments will not become entirely clear for a number of years, but in its actions the Council believes it has exercised its authority to the best advantage of Montpelier, and in a manner consistent with the thinking of the majority of taxpayers.

Edw. F. Knapp, *Mayor*

Herbert Farrington, *Council President*

Donald Martin, *Council Vice President*

Colby Taylor, *Councilman*

Manuel Canas, *Councilman*

Elbert Colburn, *Councilman*

Stanley Knapp, *Councilman*

CITY *of* MONTPELIER

Montpelier, Vermont

Office of
City Manager

To the Honorable City Council and Citizens of Montpelier:

This second annual report under the new Council-Manager Charter shows continued progress and efficient administration of the city's affairs.

The financial report is particularly pleasing—again showing the operating accounts in very favorable conditions with sizable unexpended balances that are reasonably accounted for and will be used to reduce 1958 taxes.

The 1958 Budget is planned for a minimum tax rate that will finance adequate municipal services. It is part of a long range plan to maintain tax rates on as near a level plane as possible and to prevent obligations and debt accumulating to burden future tax assessments.

Sincerely,

Ralph Irving,
City Manager

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1957

NATIONAL LIFE BUILDING

The ground breaking ceremony on October 3, 1957, for the new multi-million dollar National Life Insurance Company's new Home Office Building was undoubtedly one of the most momentous occasions in the history of the City of Montpelier. It is likely that few of us now realize the full impact of the favorable influence that the development will have on the future progress and prosperity of the City.

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

It is presently indicated that assured quantity of high quality water will be flowing through our public water system early in the year and several thousand dollars will be unexpended from the \$360,000.00 bond issue. Hydraulic and sanitary engineers assure us the quantity and quality of water will at least equal that that would be treated in a filtration plant costing in the vicinity of one million dollars.

WINOOSKI AVENUE BY-PASS

Increased Right-of-Way costs, higher than originally estimated, have increased the City's cost in this account. However, construction is ahead of schedule and it is expected by early fall the project will be completed and another valuable asset will be added to the growth and progress of the City.

NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING

Plans are being finalized to construct this new building during 1958. Although jointly owned with the City of Barre and located in the Town of Berlin this asset to the community area is timely in accordance with the rapid expansion in the use of the airport's facilities.

CLOTHESPIN DAM RETAINING WALL

The City realized a savings of several thousand dollars when the State agreed to include construction of the wall in the Winooski Avenue Project instead of the City having to pay the entire cost, as originally planned.

MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

The City Treasurer's Office continues to use the same system as previously used for the City's financial records. However, his office does now also maintain a double entry Ledger for the General Fund from which a trial balance can be determined periodically. Although the detail is not sufficient for all desirable accounting purposes, it does permit scheduling an accurate Balance Sheet reporting the actual status of current and summary accounts in the General Fund, including Accounts Payable and Receivable. Thereby the City can report accurately on surplus or deficit conditions at the end of each year.

THE CITY'S OVERALL FINANCIAL CONDITION

Economic and Tax Structure

The economic structure of Montpelier has an unusually sound and stable economic base predicated on the non-fluctuating steady employment from its major sources, The State Capital and the Insurance Companies. Progressive developments are at an all time high, including the new National Life Building, proposed Union Mutual Fire Building, Bethany Church Nave, Throughway, Winooski Avenue By-Pass, Water System improvements, new Federal Buildings, Crossroads Store, Industrial Park and Housing Developments. These are all important factors increasing the soundness and stability of the city's economic base.

The local tax structure, however, is not as favorable, and influences that tend to increase assessments must be viewed with some concern. The comparatively large proportion of tax exempt real estate in the city and the small amount of taxable industry places a comparatively large share of tax assessments on the home owner. As an example, based on our present tax structure, a person owning a home having an actual value of \$15,000.00 would be assessed at 60% or for approximately \$400.00 taxes on a tax rate of \$4.40. It is a matter of judgment of what would be considered a critical rate which, if exceeded, would result in an unreasonable and excessive tax burden to home owners. No doubt many taxpayers consider we are close to the critical rate at present.

These factors are in mind as the 1958 budget is prepared and every reasonable attempt is made to "hold the line" and exclude non-essentials. This critical condition will exist through 1958-59 but, commencing in 1960 certain financial factors will be more favorable as explained later in this report.

Present City Debt

The total City Debt presently is \$1,496,950.00 including debts incurred during 1957 for water system improvements (\$360,000), Winooski Avenue By-Pass (\$200,000) and Parking Lot Purchase (\$30,000). The Water Bonds and Parking Lot Notes will be paid from their own revenues and will not affect tax assessments. The General Fund Debt to be amortized from tax revenues, therefore, is \$1,106,950.00. Of this amount the High School Bonds (\$660,000) and Winooski Avenue Bonds (\$200,000) are not included in the legal debt limit set by the State. The legal debt limit for Montpelier is approximately \$1,950,000.00 (ten times the Grand List). All of our present debt excepting \$246,950.00 is excluded from this limit, leaving a legal capacity to borrow up to approximately \$1,700,000.00.

Our 1958 budget will have to be increased \$16,800.00 for Bond payments and interest for Winooski Avenue Bonds.

Future Financial Planning

The schedule for annual payments of our present debt is planned to pay all bonds and notes, to be paid from tax revenue, by 1964 excepting

the High School and Winooski Avenue Bonds, and payments are as follows:

Year	Payment	Less than 1958
1958	\$ 96,930	
1959	88,930	- 8,000
1960	81,930	- 15,000
1961	81,930	- 15,000
1962	74,930	- 22,000
1963	57,300	- 39,630
1964	45,000	- 51,930
1965	40,000	- 56,930

Thereby, payments for our present debt will diminish annually so that it will require \$56,930.00 less for principal and approximately \$7,000.00 less for interest in 1965 than in 1958. This factor, considered with increased tax revenue from National Life and other new taxable properties starting in 1960, is an encouraging factor that will lessen the tax burden of the taxpayer starting in 1960, but there will be no effective relief from that source for 1958-59. Therefore, in long range planning the next two years should be considered critical and budgets kept as low as reasonably possible so as to maintain tax assessments on as near a level plane as possible. However, budgets should be planned on a pay as you go basis, resorting to long term bonding only for expenditures of a capital nature.

1958 BUDGET COMMENTARY

This budget has been prepared with the objective of keeping the Tax Rate at a minimum but to provide adequate municipal services without accumulating responsibilities and debt to be paid for in future years. If it were cut further it would either reduce municipal services, not allow desirable pay increases or increase future tax rates.

The individual budgets are commented on below only on items that are materially changed from last year's budget, or for purpose of clarity. All individual budgets include approximately 5% pay increases for full time employees totalling approximately \$11,000.00.

Fire Department

\$650.00 to install two (2) additional Fire Alarm Call Boxes.

The City Council did not approve the request for 2 additional firemen.

Tree Warden

Additional \$985.00 to do more necessary tree removal and trimming.

Civil Defense

Increased to \$500.00 for necessary clerical assistance and incidentals for fully organized Unit.

Streets

The same budget as last year's except for pay increases and use of \$2,470.00 increase in State Aid. The \$2,470.00 increase in 1957 State Aid is included in the \$5,436.24 unexpended balance that will be transferred to the Equipment Fund, as explained below. A maintenance program similar to last year's is planned as outlined in a report presented to the City Council.

Revolving Equipment Fund

This fund was newly created last year. Its main purpose is to maintain adequate Public Works equipment from current revenue by accumulating a constant amount each year and preclude the necessity of bonding every few years. According to the annual city reports, the city has bought \$159,834.00 of Public Works equipment from 1947 to 1956 inclusive. Of this amount only \$54,217.00 was expended from current funds and \$105,617.00 was from bond issues (for which we are still paying) in the amount of \$62,616.72 in 1947 and \$43,000.00 in 1953. These figures show equipment purchases averaging \$15,983.00 per year over the last ten years. It will require an average of well over \$20,000.00 per year, at current prices, to purchase the same quantity. The present rate charged for equipment rental will provide only about one-half of the required minimum of \$20,000.00 per year, and if the rates were increased it would require increased appropriations for Public Works accounts. It is estimated that by transferring the unexpended street balance (\$5,436.24) to the \$9,302.98 balance in the equipment account to supplement the earned income, sufficient funds will be available to purchase capital equipment in the amount of \$21,800.00 during 1958, as follows: 2 trucks, \$7,600; 1 front-end loader, \$13,650; 1 salt spreader, \$550.00. \$11,000.00 worth of equipment was bought from this fund during 1957. This fund also pays all equipment and garage maintenance costs. In future years it will probably require some direct appropriations. A new Shovel and Grader will be needed in the next two to four years.

Walks

An increase of \$1,000.00. This budget will provide about the same amount of sidewalk surface treatment that was done on State Street last year, in addition to regular maintenance. It is planned to do the opposite side of State Street in 1958.

Dump

An increase of \$1,300.00. The Sanitary Land Fill operation is proving a successful venture for sanitary purposes, but we do have a problem due to insufficient cover material. The Sanitary Land Fill operation should be moved to a new site when a proper location can be found.

Welfare and Hospital Care

Same budget except \$500.00 less for hospital care. The Welfare Department is conducted efficiently but with social justice to the indigent and the unexpended balances would not exist if there were any unusually expensive cases.

City Manager's Office

The \$1,000.00 increase is to purchase an electric typewriter and mimeograph or similar type copying machine. It is estimated this would soon pay for itself by savings in printing costs for various forms for the different city departments.

Listers

The increase of \$5,100.00 is to finance the cost for a quadrennial year.

Elections

The Primary and State elections this year require the increase of \$3,000.00 for this appropriation.

Bonds and Notes

This year the bond payments commence for the Winooski Avenue Project, a total of \$16,800.00. The water bonds and parking lot notes are paid from their own revenue sources.

District Nurse

At the request of the Woman's Club, who sponsor the district nurse, the budget has been increased \$400.00 for salary increase.

County Tax

This \$1,849.72 increase is due to under-estimation last year.

Social Security

This \$1,000.00 increase is also due to under-estimation last year and for salary increases this year.

Miscellaneous

In 1957, income to this account was increased approximately \$3,000.00 net from premium and accrued interest on the \$560,000.00 bond issue, after costs were paid. The \$10,000.00 proceeds from sale of the City Farm is included in the 1957 balance.

THE FISCAL YEAR CHANGE

Preparation of the Annual Budget and Annual City Report are two of the most important administrative functions of the year. It is practically impossible to properly prepare a Budget and Annual Report within the time limit legally set in the City Charter. Montpelier's Fiscal year presently ends January 31 but the Charter requires the Budget to be prepared by January 15 and the Annual City Report ten days prior to the Annual City Meeting. Most all other Vermont cities have changed their Fiscal year to end December 31.

If the citizens vote the change, the 1958 Fiscal year would consist of only 11 months and would not require the full 12 months Budget. Thereby the Operating Budget could be reduced by \$50,000; the approximate total amount of payrolls for one month, being \$32,000 for Schools and \$18,000 for other city payrolls. There would be additional small unexpended balances for supplies, materials, etc., that are difficult to compute and they would be unexpended and carried forward into the next year.

To pursue the desirable policy of maintaining the Tax Rate on as near a level plane as possible, two other articles will be in the Warning to see if the citizens will vote to establish two Reserve Funds totalling \$50,000 for purposes that otherwise would require bonding or increasing subsequent Tax Rates. The Vermont Statutes permit municipalities to establish Reserve Funds for specific purposes and once established such Funds can be used for no other purpose except by vote of a City Meeting. Until used they may be invested and draw interest.

RESERVE FUND OF \$20,000.00 FOR WINOOSKI AVENUE BY-PASS

The financial report compiled from latest State estimates shows it will require up to \$20,000.00 more to finance the City's share of this project. The alternative would be to borrow for this purpose which would require repayment in the future, plus interest.

RESERVE FUND OF \$30,000.00 FOR MAJOR STREET RE- CONSTRUCTION

If the citizens vote to establish this Fund, finances will be on hand to start the first phase of a street reconstruction program at the discretion of the City Council. First Avenue and Hubbard Street, from First Avenue to Barre Street, are at the top of the priority list.

If only one or neither of the Reserve Funds are established, the \$4.33 Tax Rate could be reduced a proportionate amount or the planned Tax Rate could be adopted and the unexpended funds would be carried into the next year and their use determined by the voters.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED COSTS FOR WINOOSKI
AVENUE PROJECT**

Construction cost as per low bid estimate.....	\$ 639,059.52
Engineering and contingencies, 10 %.....	63,905.95
Total.....	\$ 702,965.47
The overrun to date.....	20,300.00
Anticipated total construction cost.....	\$ 723,265.47
Estimate for bridge.....	219,883.29
	\$ 503,382.18
	x .25
City cost less bridge.....	\$ 125,845.54
10 % of bridge cost.....	21,988.33
Estimate City cost for construction.....	\$ 147,833.87
Estimate City cost for Right-of-Way.....	113,819.69
Estimated total cost to City.....	\$ 261,653.56

Method of Financing

Total Cost.....	\$ 261,653.56
Bond Issue.....	200,000.00
Additional amount needed.....	\$ 61,653.56
Anticipated State Aid 1956 through 1962.....	42,067.39
To be raised or borrowed in 1958.....	\$ 19,586.17

Right-of-Way Costs

Paid to date.....	\$ 210,221.84
Estimated other Right-of-Way.....	11,000.00
Estimate for Traffic Lights.....	2,500.00
Contingencies.....	2,000.00
Estimated Total to be Paid Out.....	\$ 225,721.84
Less Interest Paid 1957.....	1,917.54
	\$ 223,804.30
50 % Paid by Federal Government.....	111,902.15
50 % Paid by City.....	\$ 111,902.15
Interest Paid in 1957.....	1,917.54
Estimated City Cost for Right-of-Way.....	\$ 113,819.69

The estimated construction cost figures are from the State Highway Department. They report most of the work subject to overrun has been done, and therefore the estimate should be close.

If the American Oil Company buys adjoining land they have option on for \$12,000.00 the City requirements will be \$6,000.00 less—one half of the Right-of-Way cost.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT FUND

Cash on hand January 31, 1957.....\$ 1,151.70

Income:

Departmental.....	\$ 38,875.19	
Meter Fund.....	7,000.00	
Private Work.....	3,391.54	\$ 49,266.73
		\$ 50,418.43

Expenditures:

Garage Maintenance.....	\$ 5,534.43	
Equipment Maintenance.....	21,388.61	
Stock, tools and miscellaneous.....	3,969.10	
New Equipment.....	13,847.20	\$ 44,739.34

Cash Balance January 31, 1958.....\$ 5,679.09

Accounts Receivable:

Departmental.....	\$ 5,701.47	
Private Work.....	700.70	

\$ 6,402.17

Accounts Payable:.....	\$ 2,778.28	3,623.89

Accrual Balance.....\$ 9,302.98

COMPARATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY

Fiscal Year 1958

	Budget	Other Income	Appropriations	Tax Rate
Departmental	\$ 409,442.31	\$ 47,512.00	\$ 361,930.31	\$ 1.84
All Other (less School)	147,981.36	32,952.50	115,028.86	.59
	\$ 557,423.67	\$ 80,464.50	\$ 476,959.17	\$ 2.43
Surplus		\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$.13
Total General City	\$ 557,423.67	\$ 106,464.50	\$ 450,959.17	\$ 2.30
Total School (Net)	\$ 399,297.60		\$ 399,297.60	\$ 2.03
Grand Total	\$ 956,721.27	\$ 106,464.50	\$ 850,256.77	\$ 4.33

Fiscal Year 1957

	1957 Budget	Other Income	Appropriations	Tax Rate
Departmental	\$ 381,308.12	\$ 43,707.00	\$ 337,601.12	\$ 1.72
All Other (less School)	108,001.34		108,001.34	.55
	\$ 489,309.46	\$ 43,707.00	\$ 445,602.46	\$ 2.27
Surplus		\$ 30,398.00	\$ 30,398.00	\$.15
Total General City	\$ 489,309.46	\$ 74,105.00	\$ 415,204.46	\$ 2.12
Total School (Net)	\$ 389,297.60		\$ 389,297.60	\$ 1.98
Grand Total	\$ 878,607.06	\$ 74,105.00	\$ 804,502.06	\$ 4.10

It is difficult to estimate closely the Grand List for the subsequent year. Last year the tax levy was \$2,925.53 deficient because the increase in assessed values was \$71,400.00 less than the estimated increase.

This year only \$85,800.00 of the estimated \$220,000.00 increase is used for computing the Tax Rate. Thereby a Tax Rate of \$4.33 would produce the \$850,256.77 (above) needed for this budget. If the entire \$220,000.00 increase is realized a \$5,810.00 overlay will result.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 1957

	Revenues		Excess		Expenditures		1957 Net (Pay- ables) & Receivables	Net Unex- pended (Overdraft)
	Budget	Actual	(Deficiency)	Budget	Actual	(Overdraft)		
Police	\$9,352.00	\$10,796.35	\$1,444.35	\$39,408.00	\$39,117.78	\$290.22	\$359.70	\$1,734.57
Fire	1,800.00	3,458.72	1,658.72	59,677.00	59,028.89	648.11	(19.44)	1,947.13
Streets	8,500.00	11,728.59	3,228.59	114,700.00	112,472.91	2,227.09	(825.53)	5,436.24
Sewers	500.00	2,269.48	1,769.48	13,500.00	13,497.68	2.32	(19.44)	1,798.23
Charity	3,000.00	3,351.06	351.06	21,900.00	17,867.30	4,032.70	(825.53)	3,558.23
Hospital Care	2,500.00	4,246.29	1,746.29	10,000.00	9,796.72	203.28	191.88	2,141.45
City Hall	2,000.00	1,941.77	(58.23)	15,396.00	13,232.45	2,163.55	23.88	2,129.20
Community Hall	2,700.00	4,295.00	1,595.00	4,968.00	4,865.29	102.71	(57.13)	1,640.58
Airport Maint.	1,175.00	13,409.86	13,409.86	4,000.00	16,258.70	(12,258.70)		1,151.16
Recreation	2,000.00	1,825.56	650.56	15,418.00	15,977.13	(559.13)		91.43
City Mgr. Salary		2,000.00		9,000.00	9,000.00			
City Clerk- Treasurer	10,180.00	8,971.52	(1,208.48)	16,750.12	15,695.61	1,054.51	630.50	(153.97)
Miscellaneous		10,751.52	10,751.52	3,300.00	(51.70)	3,351.70		14,733.72
Tax Levy	804,502.06	799,962.59	(4,539.47)					(4,539.47)
Health				3,000.00	2,838.26	161.74		161.74
Tree Warden				1,500.00	2,253.05	(753.05)		(753.05)
Civil Defense				150.00	102.15	47.85		47.85
Walks				8,000.00	9,807.31	(1,807.31)		(1,807.31)
Bridges				4,500.00	3,187.96	1,312.04		1,312.04
Bailey Dam				500.00	296.57	203.43	(160.00)	43.43
Dump				5,500.00	6,777.11	(1,277.11)		(1,277.11)
Street Lighting				14,300.00	13,992.98	307.02		307.02
Mayor's Salary				1,200.00	1,200.00			
Aldermen's Salary				1,500.00	1,574.94	(74.94)		(74.94)
Manager's office				3,920.70	3,920.70		(164.26)	265.04
Legal				2,000.00	1,260.50	739.50		739.50
Listers				7,500.00	6,921.13	578.87	(66.35)	512.52
Elections				1,000.00	1,477.60	(477.60)		(477.60)
Fire Insurance				1,200.00	485.37	714.63		714.63
Pensions				391.00	858.18	(467.18)		(467.18)
Sinking Fund-								
General Fund				62,851.34	61,856.43	994.91		994.91
Sinking Fund-				43,500.00	43,500.00			
School Fund								

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

January 31, 1958

	January 31 1958	January 31 1957
ASSETS		
Cash on hand and in Bank:		
General Fund.....	\$40,414.25	\$ 41,043.62
Sinking Fund.....		1,460.23
Delinquent Taxes Receivable.....	22,782.02	21,217.11
Less Reserve for Loss.....	(7,000.00)	(7,022.62)
*Other Accounts Receivable.....	7,818.19	2,796.65
Due from Winooski Ave. By-Pass.....	11,000.00	
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Total Assets.....	\$ 75,014.46	\$ 59,494.99
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LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Accounts Payable:

Interdepartmental.....	5,180.94	
*Other.....	8,597.91	630.28
Surplus.....	61,235.61	58,864.71
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Total Liabilities and Surplus.....	\$ 75,014.46	\$ 59,494.99
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Application of Surplus:

Restricted.....	31,715.09	6,430.28
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Appropriated:

To Future Year Appropriations.....	26,000.00	
General Fund.....		30,378.00
Sinking Fund.....		1,460.23

Unappropriated:

Cash Surplus.....	3,520.52	4,215.34
Other.....		17,011.14
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Total Application of Surplus.....	\$ 61,235.61	\$ 59,494.99
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*The Hospital welfare account shows Accounts Receivable \$6,191.88 and Accounts Payable \$6,000.00; they approximately counter balance each other.

Statement of Restricted Surplus

	January 31 1958
Airport Administration Building.....	\$ 12,500.00
Accounts Payable.....	13,778.85
Equipment Fund.....	5,436.24
	<hr/> \$ 31,715.09

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN SURPLUS

Year Ended January 31, 1958

Balance January 31, 1957..... \$ 58,864.71

Additions and Deductions:

Budgetary Operations:

Actual Receipts.....\$ 879,008.31
Estimated Receipts..... 848,209.06

Excess of actual over Estimated..... \$ 30,799.25

Estimated Disbursements.\$ 878,607.06

Actual Disbursements.... 877,088.34

Excess of Estimated over actual..... 1,518.72

Estimated Disbursements.\$ 878,607.06

Estimated Receipts..... 848,209.06

Appropriation of 1956 Surplus..... (30,398.00) 1,919.97

Restricted Surplus Used..... \$ (6,430.28)

Unrestricted Surplus Used..... (1,300.00) (7,730.28)

Receivables Increase

1957.....\$ 34,600.21

1956..... 16,991.14 \$ 17,609.07

Payables Increase

1957.....\$ 8,597.91

1956..... 630.28 (7,967.63) 9,641.44

1956 Sinking Fund Balance Used..... (1,460.23)

Balance January 31, 1958..... \$ 61,235.61

EXPLANATION OF SURPLUS AND DEFICIT

The accounting terms "Surplus" and "Deficit" as such, were not used in the Annual Reports under the old accounting system for its type of bookkeeping was not balanced to show the surplus or deficit condition of the General Fund as is now being done under the double entry and Balance Sheet system.

The National Committee on Municipal Accounting of the National Accounting Officials' Association defines the accounting term Surplus as "The excess of the assets of a fund over its liabilities." If the liabilities are greater than the assets, a "deficit" exists. There is no proper substitute word or phrase that can be used in place of the accounting term "surplus." The Comparative Balance Sheet and analysis change in this report gives a detailed explanation of the surplus account. It is very desirous to have a surplus condition. There is always either a surplus or deficit at the end of the year in the General Fund account. For the last three years it has been as follows: January 31, 1958; Surplus, \$61,235.61. January 31, 1957; Surplus, \$58,864.71. January 31, 1956; Deficit, \$16,-856.07.

BUDGET—FISCAL YEAR 1958

	1957 Budget	1958 Budget	Estimated Other Income	From Appropri- ations
Departmental				
a. Protection				
Police	\$ 39,408.00	\$ 40,865.20	\$ 9,612.00	\$ 31,253.20
Fire	59,677.00	62,526.96	2,000.00	60,526.96
Health	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00
Tree Warden	1,500.00	2,485.00		2,485.00
Civil Defense	150.00	500.00		500.00
Total	\$ 103,735.00	\$ 109,377.16	\$ 11,612.00	\$ 97,765.16
b. Public Works				
Streets	\$ 114,700.00	\$ 120,485.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 109,485.00
Walks	8,000.00	9,250.00		9,250.00
Bridges	4,500.00	4,090.00		4,090.00
Sewers	13,500.00	14,415.00	500.00	13,915.00
Bailey Dam	500.00	500.00		500.00
Dump	5,500.00	6,980.00		6,980.00
Total	\$ 146,700.00	\$ 155,720.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 144,220.00
c. Welfare				
Charity	\$ 21,900.00	\$ 22,080.15	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 19,080.15
Hospital Care	10,000.00	10,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00
Total	\$ 31,900.00	\$ 32,080.15	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 26,080.15

d. Property					
City Hall	\$ 15,396.00	\$ 16,092.20	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 14,092.20	
Community Hall	4,968.00	4,592.98	2,700.00	1,892.98	
Airport Maint.	4,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00	
Total	\$ 24,364.00	\$ 24,685.18	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 19,985.18	
e. Services					
Recreation Street Lighting	\$ 15,418.00	\$ 16,642.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 15,142.00	
Total	\$ 29,718.00	\$ 32,142.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 30,642.00	
f. Administration					
Mayor's Salary	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	
Aldermen's Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	
City Mgr's Salary	9,000.00	9,200.00	2,000.00	7,200.00	
City Mgr.'s Office	4,350.00	5,575.00		5,575.00	
Clerk-Treasurer	16,750.12	17,629.62	10,200.00	7,429.62	
Legal	2,000.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Listers	7,500.00	12,600.00		12,600.00	
Elections	1,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00	
Insurance (Fire)	1,200.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Pensions	391.00	583.20		583.20	
State Audit		650.00		650.00	
Total	\$ 44,891.12	\$ 55,437.82	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 43,237.82	
Departmental & Administration					
Totals	\$ 381,308.12	\$ 409,442.31	\$ 47,512.00	\$ 361,930.31	
Bonds and Notes (not incl. School)	\$ 57,343.37	\$ 86,930.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 66,930.00	
Interest	5,507.97	24,081.88	12,952.50	11,129.38	
Total	\$ 62,851.34	\$ 111,011.88	\$ 32,952.50	\$ 78,059.38	
Grants					
Memor. & Vets Days	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	
Xmas Lighting	500.00	500.00		500.00	
District Nurse	1,800.00	2,200.00		2,200.00	

Montpelier Band	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Hubbard Park	1,500.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
Wood Art Gallery	500.00	500.00		500.00
Vt. College Scholarships	2,700.00	2,700.00		2,700.00
Green Mount Cemetery	4,500.00	4,500.00		4,500.00
School Transportation	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
Retire. (Fire and Police)	3,000.00	3,569.76		3,569.76
Total	\$ 17,750.00	\$ 19,219.76		\$ 19,219.76
Other				
County Agent	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00		\$ 3,300.00
County Tax	3,000.00	4,849.72		4,849.72
Group Ins. (City's Share)	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
Soc. Secur. (City's Share)	3,300.00	4,300.00		4,300.00
Miscellaneous	3,300.00	3,300.00		3,300.00
Total	\$ 14,900.00	\$ 17,749.72		\$ 17,749.72
Airport Terminal Building	12,500.00			
Sub-totals	\$ 489,309.46	\$ 557,423.67	\$ 80,464.50	\$ 476,959.17
Surplus			26,000.00	26,000.00
General City Totals	\$ 489,309.46	\$ 557,423.67	\$ 106,464.50	\$ 450,959.17
Schools (Regular) (Net)	\$ 345,797.60	\$ 356,397.60		\$ 356,397.60
Bonds—Principal Interest	30,000.00 13,500.00	30,000.00 12,900.00		30,000.00 12,900.00
School Totals (Net)	\$ 389,297.60	\$ 399,297.60		\$ 399,297.60
Grand City Total	\$ 878,607.06	\$ 956,721.27	\$ 106,464.50	\$ 850,256.77

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Cash Statement

2-1-57 to 1-31-58

Cash on hand 2-1-57..... \$ 41,043.62

Receipts

Temporary borrowing	
Against 1957 taxes.....	\$ 160,000.00
From department operations.....	\$ 97,986.72
Taxes collected by Treasurer.....	782,745.47
Taxes for Old Age Assistance.....	18,490.50
Taxes collected by Sheriff	
1957.....	13,811.26
Older years taxes.....	3,405.86
From sale of Poor Farm.....	10,000.00
By-Pass Account	
Repaid.....	25,000.00
Water Project.....	4,000.00
Accrued Interest and	
Premium (Bonds).....	5,236.62
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	\$ 960,676.43

Total cash to be accounted for by the Treasurer \$ 1,161,720.05

Disbursements

Temporary borrowing (1957) repaid.....	\$ 160,000.00
Department operations.....	\$ 411,023.94
Transferred to School Fund..	389,297.60
Grants voted at City	
Meeting.....	16,983.94
Paid off on debts.....	87,343.37
Interest on debts.....	12,873.29
Old Age Assistance.....	18,490.50
Other.....	25,293.16
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	\$ 961,305.80
Cash on hand 1-31-58.....	40,414.25

Total cash accounted for by the Treasurer..... \$ 1,161,720.05

SPECIAL FUNDS CASH STATEMENT

2-1-57 to 1-31-58

	Cash on Hand 2-1-57	Receipts	Dis- bursements	Cash on Hand 1-31-58
Water.....	\$ 25,518.95	\$ 77,233.01	\$ 75,934.01	\$ 26,817.95
Retirement.....	10,052.73	3,220.00	3,682.50	9,590.23
Airport Project No. 1.	3,256.89	8,429.40	11,633.76	52.53
Airport Project No. 2.	7,711.98	4,849.16	4,993.21	7,567.93
Equipment.....	1,151.70	50,266.73	45,739.34	5,679.09
Parking Meter.....	4,456.56	51,774.51	55,517.51	713.56
Park Funds.....	14,354.65	413.34		14,767.99
Montpelier By-Pass...	24,130.97	261,065.50	284,418.31	778.16
Recreation Shelter...		2,580.00	2,580.00	
Berlin Pond Pipe Project.....		404,500.00	339,104.76	65,395.24
Social Security.....		7,712.29	7,712.29	
Sinking Fund.....	1,460.23	94,483.14	95,943.37	

Warren B. Lowe,
City Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Taxes Receivable

Year Tax Levied	Uncollected 2-1-57	Collected 1957	Abated 1957	Uncollected 1-31-58
1957			\$ 1,080.10	\$ 6,363.87
1956	\$ 5,447.71	\$ 2,796.76	93.90	2,557.05
1955	1,655.80	132.65	31.25	1,491.90
1954	2,387.28	73.61	9.63	2,304.04
1953	1,624.69	73.50	35.60	1,515.59
1943-1952	10,101.63	329.34	1,202.84	8,569.45
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	\$ 1,217.11	\$ 3,405.86	\$ 2,453.32	\$ 22,801.90

Olisse Melada,
City Sheriff

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditors have examined all the warrants drawn by the Mayor and the City Treasurer upon approval of the City Council for the year ending January 31, 1957. A classified statement of the warrants appears in the ledger report of the City Treasurer.

The auditors have also examined the income and disbursement accounts, the General, Water, all special funds in addition to the city indebtedness and find them to be correct as shown.

J.P.Adams, Jr.,
William Cattnach,
Paul B. Williams
City Auditors

DEBT REDEMPTION

OBLIGATIONS	Maturity	Interest	Amount	1958	1959
Bonds:					
Street and Equipment.....	Dec. 1, 1959	1½%	\$ 22,000.	\$ 15,000.	\$ 7,000
Dated Dec. 1, 1947					
Street Improvement.....	Dec. 1, 1962	1¼%	43,000.	10,000.	10,000
Dated Dec. 1, 1949					
Various Purpose Bonds.....	May 1, 1963	1½%	78,000.	15,000.	15,000
Dated May 1, 1951					
Street Improvement.....	Sept. 1, 1964	1.65%	35,000.	5,000.	5,000
Dated Sept. 1, 1951					
New High School Construction.	July 1, 1979	2%	660,000.	30,000.	30,000
Dated July 1, 1954					
Winooski Ave. By-Pass.....	Sept. 1, 1977	3.4%	200,000.	10,000.	10,000
Dated Sept. 1, 1957					
*Water Improvements.....	Sept. 1, 1981	3.4%	*360,000.	*15,000.	*15,000
Dated Sept. 1, 1957					
Annual Bond Payments.....	Tax Revenue			85,000.	77,000
	*Restricted Revenue			*15,000.	*15,000
Total Bonded Indebtedness...			\$1,398,000.		
Notes:					
New Fire Engine Note.....	July 29, 1962	2¼%	9,000.	1,800.	1,800
Dated July 29, 1952					
Oil Burner, City Barn Note...	Aug. 5, 1962	2¼%	1,250.	250.	250
Dated August 5, 1952					
Tile Floor, City Hall					
Auditorium.....	Aug. 26, 1962	2¼%	2,000.	400.	400
Dated August 26, 1952					
Heating Plant, Fire Station					
Note.....	Nov. 7, 1962	2¼%	900.	180.	180
Dated Nov. 7, 1952					
Equipment Purchase Notes...	May 15, 1963	2½%	25,800.	4,300.	4,300
Dated May 15, 1953					
*Parking Meter Lot Note.....	May 1, 1962	2⅜%	*30,000.	*6,000.	*6,000
Dated May 1, 1957					
Street Improvement Coupon...	Sept. 1, 1963	2.20%	30,000.	5,000.	5,000
Dated Sept. 1, 1953—Notes					
Annual Note Payments.....				11,930.	11,930
				*6,000.	*6,000
Total Note Indebtedness.....			98,950.		
Annual Debt Payments.....				117,930.	109,930
Total Indebtedness.....			1,496,950.		
Interest Payments on					
Bonds:					
Street and Equipment Bonds..	Dec. 1, 1959	1½%		330.	
Dated Dec. 1, 1947					
Street Improvement Bonds....	Dec. 1, 1962	1¼%		537.50	
Dated Dec. 1, 1949					
Various Purpose Bonds.....	May 1, 1963	1½%		1,057.50	
Dated May 1, 1951					
Street Improvement Bonds....	Sept. 1, 1964	1.65%		577.50	
Dated Sept. 1, 1951					
New High School Construction					
Bonds.....	July 1, 1979	2%		12,900.	
Dated July 1, 1954					
Interest:					
Winooski Avenue Bonds.....	Sept. 1, 1977	3.4%		6,800.	
Dated Sept. 1, 1957					
*Water System Improvements.	Sept. 1, 1981	3.4%		*12,240	
Dated Sept. 1, 1957					
Total Interest on Bonds.....				34,442.50	
Total Interest on Notes.....				2,239.38	
Total Interest Payments.....				36,681.88	

*Amortized from Own Revenue Sources.

1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965-77 Inc.	1978-79	1980-81
10,000.	10,000.	3,000.					
15,000.	15,000.	15,000.	3,000.				
5,000.	5,000.	5,000.	5,000.	5,000.			
30,000.	30,000.	30,000.	30,000.	30,000.	30,000.	30,000.	
10,000.	10,000.	10,000.	10,000.	10,000.	10,000.		
*15,000.	*15,000.	*15,000.	*15,000.	*15,000.	*15,000.	*15,000.	*15,000.
70,000.	70,000.	63,000.	48,000.	45,000.	40,000.	30,000.	
*15,000.	*15,000.	*15,000.	*15,000.	*15,000.	*15,000.	*15,000.	*15,000.
1,800.	1,800.	1,800.					
250.	250.	250.					
400.	400.	400.					
180.	180.	180.					
4,300.	4,300.	4,300.	4,300.				
*6,000.	*6,000.	*6,000.					
5,000.	5,000.	5,000.	5,000.				
11,930.	11,930.	11,930.	9,300.				
*6,000.	*6,000.	*6,000.					
102,930.	102,930.	95,930.	72,300.	60,000.	55,000.	45,000.	15,000.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The present members of the Executive Committee of the Montpelier Planning Board, appointed by the City Manager, are as follows:

H. G. Philbrook, Jr., <i>Chairman</i>	Ward 5
William L. Duke, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Chamber of Commerce
Mrs. Muriel C. Williams, <i>Clerk</i>	Montpelier Business and Professional Women's Club
Mahlon W. Corker	Ward 1
C. Andrew Herschel	Ward 2
Gilbert Pierce	Ward 3
Bryce J. Kinney	Ward 4
Oscar L. Olson	Ward 6
Harry Bossi	At Large
Mrs. Charles Piche	League of Women Voters
David Hoxie	M. A. D. A.

Subcommittees and their chairmen, appointed by the Executive Committee of the Planning Board, are as follows:

Name of Subcommittee	Chairman
Airport	Solon G. Gray, Jr
Area Resources	Clifford Bowman
Finance	Luman B. Howe
Public Relations	Mrs. Mahlon Corker
Sewage Control and Stream Purification	E. W. Clemons
Streets, Roads, Highways and Bridges	Ralph Taylor
Water Supply and Distribution	Dr. Harry L. Colombo
Zoning and Land Uses	Kirtland J. Keve

The principal activities of the Planning Board during the past year have been in the following areas:

(1) Mobile Homes and Trailer Parks

After careful study, the Planning Board recommended to the City Council on February 27, 1957 that an ordinance be enacted to provide for the licensing and supervision of trailer parks, and to prohibit, except under temporary permits, the use of mobile homes for living purposes within the city. It was recommended that the latter provision of the ordinance should not be retroactive as to existing mobile homes provided there occurs no change in ownership, location or occupancy. By action of the City Council, an ordinance and related amendment of the Zoning Ordinance became effective on August 2, 1957.

(2) Plumbing Code

In April 1957, the Planning Board recommended to the City Council that a plumbing code, based on a standard code with certain

amendments to conform with local conditions, be adopted. This recommendation is still under study by the City Council.

(3) Housing Subdivisions

With the approval of the Planning Board, a special committee composed of Donald Martin, Kirtland J. Keve, Hermon Blanchard and City Manager Irving studied the recommendations of the Planning Board's Zoning and Land Uses Committee relative to housing subdivisions and drafted a proposed ordinance which was submitted to the City Council. An ordinance will become effective on January 27, 1958.

(4) Street Reconstruction

The Planning Board's Committee on Streets, Roads, Highway and Bridges, after studying City Manager Irving's report on long range plans for the construction and maintenance of streets and highways in Montpelier, offered to work with the City Manager and to seek the support of the Planning Board's Committees on Sewage Control and Stream Purification, and Finance whenever it is indicated that the services of these two committees will be helpful.

(5) Over-all Long Range Planning

Throughout the year, the Planning Board has devoted much time to the serious study of the need for some type of "master" plan for Montpelier. This study will be continued during the ensuing year, but the Board considers it inappropriate to seek the services of a professional planner at this time.

H. G. Philbrook, Jr., *Chairman*
Executive Committee

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Employees—9

Arrests, Municipal Court, for calendar year—218		Ordinance violations, Police Court—1,717	
Burglary.....	1	Meter.....	1,233
Larceny.....	12	Speed.....	131
Auto theft.....	1	Prohibited area.....	196
Fraud.....	2	All night parking.....	56
Intoxication.....	73	Stop sign.....	37
Driving while intoxicated...	6	No passing zone.....	15
Liquor laws.....	10	Bus stop.....	11
Breach of peace.....	16	U turn.....	7
Non support.....	2	Sidewalk.....	5
Vagrancy.....	3	Crosswalk.....	2
Gambling.....	3	Hydrant.....	2
Exceeding City speed limit	34	Truck area.....	1
Motor vehicle offenses.....	53	Misc.....	21
Sex offenses.....	2		
Juvenile cases handled by Police, no Court record....	11		
Calendar year—Accidents investigated.....	154	Complaints investigated...	396
Doors found unlocked.....	174	Radio calls—local.....	1,784
Transients lodged.....	99	Radio calls—State Police..	268

BICYCLE COURT AND SAFETY PATROL

Income—Registrations—25 cents each—\$177.00

Expenses—Plates, badges, printing etc. \$159.28

Balance—\$17.72

Court sessions held—8 Respondents in Court—57 Convicted—57

There have been no changes in the personnel during the past year, the Department consisting of the Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, meter technician and five Patrolmen.

The Montpelier Bicycle Safety Patrol has gained quite a lot of recognition. Only recently a National magazine, Law and Order, published an article which has resulted in numerous requests for information, from Cities interested in starting this program. The article described the operation of the Montpelier Patrol.

The overtime allowance approved by the City Manager last Spring has worked out very well, as it has done away with lengthy periods when only one man was on duty. The old system did not furnish proper protection at such times.

George J. Connor, *Chief*

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Employees—13

The following sets forth the number of alarms, insurance paid on property fire loss and my recommendations for the ensuing year.

Alarms

During the Calendar Year from January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957 the department responded to 162 calls within the city and 34 calls outside the city. (East Montpelier 11, Middlesex 8, Berlin 10, City of Barre 2, Moretown 2, Worcester 1.)

A breakdown of the total calls for fires are as follows: Residential—28, non-residential assembly—2, mercantile—5, storage—1, miscellaneous other buildings—1, grass or brush—36, all other fires—30. Number of calls for non-fires: False alarms—3, smoke scare, honest mistakes, and service—54, first aid—2, out of town calls—34.

Fire Loss

Insurance paid on property fire losses in excess of \$100.00 covering the Calendar Year 1957 as reported to the State Fire Marshal's office was \$9,601.00.

Hose

The department has on hand 7,900 ft. of 2½ inch hose and 2,250 ft. of 1½ inch hose in good condition.

Equipment

The front line apparatus, namely Engine No. 1 and Engine No. 3 and the Aerial truck, are generally speaking in good mechanical condition at present, with the exception of the 200 gallon booster tank on Engine No. 3 which is badly rusted out. A new tank is now on order and will be installed in the near future. The reserve apparatus, namely Engine No. 2, is at present in good mechanical condition. It is due this year to get new tires and tubes. The other reserve truck, Engine No. 4, a 1924 Maxim pumper, still is usable, but has long past become obsolete.

A new Chief's car was traded for this past year and a new 3-way radio was installed in it. The old 3-way radio was installed in the service truck.

Amount of new hose purchased includes 500 ft. of 2½ inch, 200 ft. of 1½ inch hose and 200 ft. of ¾ inch booster hose.

All fire alarm street boxes were cleaned and oiled. Several changes were made to the alarm system to make way for highway construction, change over onto new poles and general maintenance.

A valuable piece of equipment was donated to the fire department at no cost to us, namely a 215 G.P.M. Portable Pump. This will be of immense value in fighting fire in our rural areas and within the city for relay purposes.

Personnel

During the late part of December, Asst. James R. Menard succumbed to a heart attack. He had served the city for over 28 years of faithful service. His loss will be greatly felt by this department.

Due to this circumstance Captain Wm. L. Wood was promoted to Asst. Chief and Private Maurice A. Niles was promoted to Fire Captain.

Recommendations

1. The purchase of 500 ft. of 2½ inch and 200 ft. of 1½ inch hose.
2. The purchase of six tires and tubes for Engine No. 2.
3. The purchase of two fire alarm boxes and three miles of wire.
4. That two additional men be added to the regular force.

Sidney F. Lawson,
Chief Fire Department

BUILDING INSPECTOR

I submit my report of this department for the Fiscal Year ending January 31, 1958.

The following sets forth the number of permits granted during this period for new buildings, repairs, etc.

	No. Permits	Estimated Cost
New residential buildings:		
One-family dwellings.....	29	\$ 374,000
Set up house trailers.....	6	
New Non-residential buildings:		
Service stations.....	1	16,500
Car Ports.....	2	450
Garages.....	8	10,650
Office buildings.....	2	5,200,000
Church.....	1	220,000
Warehouse.....	3	90,600
Storage sheds.....	2	15,000
Auto sales building.....	1	500
Construction trailer office.....	1	
Rug cleaning building.....	1	8,000
Bulk storage pump house.....	1	5,000
All additions, alterations and repairs to existing buildings.....	35	40,337
Demolitions.....	14	

Sidney F. Lawson,
Building Inspector

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Communicable diseases diagnosed and reported numbered 144.
2. Inspections of hotels, restaurants, lunch counters, grocery stores, and boarding houses selling or serving milk and cream or products thereof totalled 104.
3. 155 water samples were taken and sent to the Vermont State Public Health Laboratory in Burlington for bacterial analysis. 128 were reported as negative and 27 as contaminated, with a resultant 17.4% contamination rate.
4. Physical examinations for those competing in the major high school sports have been continued.
5. At Union and St. Michael's Schools, a total of 52 vaccinations for smallpox, 128 for diptheria, tetanus, and pertussis, and 1,772 for poliomyelitis have been given. This has been made possible through the cooperation of the officials of both schools and the respective school nurses, Miss Mildred Hallgren and Mrs. Reuben Zile.
6. Polio clinics were held in the Spring of the year for all townspeople under age 40. Only 390 people showed up for innoculation, despite what was considered more than adequate publicity build-up.
Asian flu shots were administered to all city employees and hospital personnel so desiring.
7. The usual services were offered by the State Health Department, as outlined in last year's report.
8. Recommendations:
May our pipe-line and pure water system be completed!
May a decent sewage system and disposal unit be started!

W. L. Davis, M.D.,
Health Officer

TREE WARDEN

The annual report of the Tree Warden is submitted herewith for the year ending January 31, 1958.

Each succeeding year there appears to be an ever increasing number of tree conditions which must be handled by the tree warden. During 1957 there were more consultations and inspections concerning both public and privately owned trees throughout the city than any previous year.

At city expense six dead trees mostly large elms plus five elms infected with Dutch Elm Disease were cut down. Also from twenty-five other trees about the city dead limbs and low hanging branches were removed to better the clearance along the streets and over roofs of houses. Two large dead elms have been topped out to prevent possible

accident to persons or property from falling limbs. The remaining trunks are scheduled to be cut to the ground in 1958, as well as two other dead trees on Mather Terrace.

Two property owners were granted permission to take down two nearly dead city trees adjacent to their property. The cost of these removals was borne by them.

The city lost to the cause of progress nine large stately elms on State Street near Bailey Avenue which were cut in connection with the construction of the new bypass road project.

On November 22, 1957, your tree warden was notified by the Director of the Pest Control Division of the State Department of Agriculture that of the thirteen cultures run on elm trees displaying symptoms of Dutch Elm Disease, nine definitely showed they were infected. Five of these trees thus infected were public shade trees, two at the Green Mount Cemetery and two on private property. All except one of these trees, which is on private land, have been taken down and destroyed by burning. The warden has been informed by the owner of the remaining tree that he will have it removed. The private owners and cemetery officials were very cooperative in having their blighted trees destroyed.

This disease has struck over a large area in the east and is spreading. Many municipalities have spent thousands of dollars to control the spread of this tree killing disease by carrying out sanitation procedures. To date, there is no known fungicide that will combat the infection although scientists are working on the problem constantly and have leads which may prove of value in the future.

The disease is carried from infected elms to others on the bodies of the Elm Bark Beetle. One control measure is to cut down the beetle population by mist spraying with D.D.T. before the leaves unfold in the spring. Additional sanitation action consists of the removal of dead, weakened wood and bark which is the breeding place of the elm bark beetle and destroying the debris by burning or deep burying in the ground.

The disease and beetles are not selective in their choice of the elm trees which they attack so neither private or public trees are immune.

It is planned to instigate control measures against the beetle by spraying the public elm trees this coming spring. It is the desire of the tree warden that persons who own elm trees have them sprayed at the same time it is done for the city trees. It is realized that every elm in the city will not be protected due to their inaccessibility of being reached by a mist sprayer. However, those that are sprayed will receive some measure of protection over the unsprayed.

For the year the warden was given a \$1,500 budget but due to the Dutch Elm Disease unexpected outbreak an additional expenditure was necessary. It was felt that the citizens of the city would desire to enact control measures promptly which may help keep down future cost in the fight against this threat to their city trees by eliminating known infections immediately.

All tree services this year, including cost of removing the five affected elms, totaled \$2,253.05. The tree warden will make a request for an estimated budget of \$2,500.00 to be expended on 1958 tree services which will include the proposed spraying.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Tree removals and trimming

Ralph Barrett Tree Service.....	\$ 1,402.00
Warden Service and Expense.....	126.05
Ralph Barrett Tree Service (Dutch Elm removals)	725.00

Total cost to city.....\$ 2,253.05

I wish to express my appreciation again for the understanding cooperation of the city officials and the pleasure it has been serving as tree warden for the citizens of our city during the past year.

Robert G. Simon,
Tree Warden.

PUBLIC WORKS

Employees 23

The past year's Street Budget provided for an increased maintenance program that allowed the retreatment of 9.4 miles of streets using asphalt and sand and 2.03 miles of blade mixing using asphalt and stone. The construction program of 1956 was completed with the surfacing of 0.6 miles of streets using funds that were carried over from last year to purchase the materials needed.

This makes a total of over 12 miles of streets re-surfaced this year, the most mileage for many years, and it is planned to continue a program of approximately this amount in the future.

The normal maintenance work on sweeping streets, flushing, honing gravel roads, dust laying and patching has been carried on as usual. Crescent Lane was excavated and backfilled with gravel.

Winter maintenance has been the lowest for many years due to the small amount of snowfall up to the month of January and to the decrease of large storms. (The sanding and salting operating costs, however, have increased due to the number of 2" or less snow-storms that have occurred causing more use of salt than usual. Approximately 1400 c.y. of treated sand and 420 tons of salt were used this year. The total snow fall for the year was 97".

Bituminous concrete surfaces were built along the sidewalks on Sibley Avenue, Sabin Street, part of College Street, part of Liberty Street, Main Street by Bailey's Feed Store and on the northerly side of State Street from Main Street to Elm Street. New hand-rails were built on parts of the Nelson Street, Main Street and North Street

walks. Winter maintenance work and other regular work such as cleaning and patching have been done as usual.

The Lane Shop Bridge was replanked and painted. The sidewalks along the Spring Street Bridge were replanked and the steel under the planks repainted. The Grout Bridge located off the Worcester Branch Road was also replanked.

The Sanitary Landfill operation consisted only of general maintenance work this year, however, next winter, due to lack of proper fill material, it may become necessary to relocate to another site or to haul satisfactory material to the present location.

The Sewer Department installed twenty-five new connections, all to private homes during the year and one main extension 350 feet long of 8" VCT was made on Crescent Lane. Private developers have installed 360 L.F. of 8" VCT on Dairy Lane and 380 L.F. of 8" VCT on Valerie Avenue. Six new manholes were installed on the above projects.

Flushing mains, cleaning and building receivers, and working on the many sections of plugged pipe made up most of the general maintenance work.

John MacKenzie,
Street Commissioner

WATER DEPARTMENT

Employees 10

During the past year, thirty-five main leaks and fifty five service leaks were dug and repaired, twenty-five services were replaced with copper tubing, four main gates were repaired, three hydrants repaired and six new hydrants installed, replacing old hydrants or ones damaged by automobiles. Several new curb boxes were installed replacing old ones, and 200' of 1" copper was installed on Prospect Street replacing the old line.

New service connections were made for the following; twenty-five new houses, a Dormitory Building, a Farm Supply store, Crossroad Store, Reserve Armory and a temporary connection at the New National Life site. One sprinkler system was connected to the Crossroad Store.

The following new main extensions were made, 1870' of 8" on Gallison Hill Road, 600' of 8" around the Reserve Armory off the East Montpelier Road, 432' of 8" on Winooski Avenue, and 520' of 2" on Crescent Lane.

The following new main extensions were made by private developers, 162' of 6" on Sherwood Road, 360' of 4" on Dairy Lane and 480' of 4" on Valerie Avenue.

Four new hydrants were installed, two on Gallison Hill Road and two at the Reserve Armory. Thirty new gates were installed on our system, of these nine were for hydrants.

Three hydrants were removed, two on Winooski Avenue and one at the corner of Berlin and Northfield Street and seven services were removed on Winooski Avenue.

Ten acres of woodland were pruned, 119 cords of pulp-wood cut and sold, the Reservoir cleaned and mains flushed as usual.

The Berlin Pond pipe line project was started during August of last year by the Aceto Construction Company of Portland, Maine and under the supervision of the consulting engineering firm of Whitman & Howard, Boston, Mass. This project is nearly completed except for the installation of approximately 1,200 l.f. of 20" pipe and two pressure reducing valves. When completed this project will add the following to our system, 5,292' of 24" pipe, 4,700' of 20" pipe, 4,700' of 18" pipe, one 20" valve, two 18" valves, one hydrant and gate, six air relief valves, three pressure reducing valves, eleven main valves and a vacuum pump building including pumping equipment.

Partially due to the above project and to the low rainfall during the late summer it became necessary to pump water from the upper pond into the lower pond in order to maintain gravity feed to the remainder of our system. Pumping was started on the 11th of October and continued until the 22nd of November when the first part of the new syphon was put into operation carrying water from the upper pond and discharging it into the brook below the outlet of Berlin Pond. Had it not been for the syphon system the pumping operations would have continued until December 20th when heavy rainfalls brought the pond back to the elevation necessary for gravity flow.

Two small pieces of land were purchased this year on Berlin Street and Sherwood Terrace for the new pressure reducing valves. One small parcel of land located along the Berlin-Montpelier road was sold to Mr. Randal Turner and one parcel of land located below the outlet of Berlin Pond was exchanged with Mrs. Sarah Brown for a piece of land next to the brook.

WATER DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenues:

Cash on hand February 1, 1957.....	\$ 25,518.95
Water Rents.....	\$ 65,378.97
Private Work.....	11,854.04

Total Revenues.....	\$ 77,233.01
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Total to Account for.....	\$ 102,751.96
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Expenses:

Payrolls.....	\$ 32,299.48
Supplies and Services.....	29,667.63
New Construction.....	13,966.90

Total Expenses.....	\$ 75,934.01
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Cash on hand February 1, 1958.....	\$ 26,817.95
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John MacKenzie,
Water Commissioner

WELFARE DEPARTMENT RELIEF TO POOR

	Total Persons
Aid to Dependent Children Grants.....	11
Old Age Assistance Grants.....	34
Aid to Disabled Grants.....	6
Aid to Transients.....	95
Temporary aid, in majority of cases due to illness of wage earner or temporarily unemployed.....	130
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In the above tabulation the statistics for aid to dependent children, old age assistance and to the disabled is supplementary to the grants which they receive.

The City's share for A. D. C. was \$2,067.52. This aid was granted to 21 families and is paid jointly by the Federal Government, the State and the City. The City's share is one-eighth of the total.

The City paid one-half of the cost of 6 committed children which share was \$1,419.70. The other half was paid by the State.

COST OF DEPARTMENT

The comparative expense, income and net cost for the past two years are as follows:

Year	Expense	Income	Net Cost
1956	\$ 24,787.83	\$ 5,806.73	\$ 18,981.10
1957	17,867.30	3,351.06	14,516.24

HEATON HOSPITAL

Services furnished city patients for 701 patient days was \$9,796.72, income \$4,246.29 making a net cost of \$5,550.43.

The comparative expense, income and net cost for the past three years are as follows:

Year	Expense	Income	Net Cost
1955	\$ 12,162.26	\$ 3,377.56	\$ 8,784.70
1956	8,196.49	2,879.42	5,317.07
1957	9,796.72	4,246.29	5,550.43

The hospital income represents reimbursements for patients who have a pauper settlement in other towns, and payments from the State Auditor's Office for transient cases.

Effective December 1, 1957 the hospital ward rate was increased from \$11.00 to \$13.00 per day.

Leodina Ryan, *Overseer*

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

This is the twenty-second annual report which I have made to the citizens of Montpelier regarding State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1957. The support and cooperation of town officers and people generally over this long period is gratefully acknowledged. We have some measure of responsibility for 12,000 individuals and annually spend about six million dollars.

The total number of recipients in all four programs has not changed substantially for several years. Due to the extension of Social Security, the number receiving Old Age Assistance has declined but those receiving Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled have increased. Supplementation of inadequate amounts of Social Security benefits is an increasing role of Public Assistance. Towns and cities participate financially in two of the programs as indicated below. Administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance have always been among the lowest in the nation. In one state the recipient receives less than eighty-two cents out of the assistance dollar. In Vermont the recipient received ninety-six cents.

Old Age Assistance.....	\$ 82,147.00
Aid to the Blind.....	3,685.00
Aid to Dependent Children*.....	16,349.00
Aid to the Disabled.....	7,283.00
Committed Children**.....	3,843.95
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Total.....	\$ 113,307.95

W. Arthur Simpson,
Commissioner

*One-eighth paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

**One-half paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

CITY LISTERS

	1956	1957
Real Estate Grand List.....	\$ 170,629.50	\$ 172,285.50
Personal Property.....	19,299.78	19,070.97
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	\$ 189,929.28	\$ 191,356.47
Taxable Polls.....	4,291.00	4,150.00
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Total Grand List.....	\$ 194,220.28	\$ 195,506.47
Number of Poll Tax Exemptions.....	1,037	1,030

Real Estate Exemptions

Statutory	{ State of Vermont.....	\$ 4,742,563
	{ City of Montpelier.....	3,025,573
	{ Others.....	5,749,322
Military.....		95,900
Voted.....		110,963
Total Exemptions—Real Estate.....		\$13,724,321
Total Exemptions—Personal Property.....		24,395
Total Exemptions.....		\$13,748,716

About the same number of new homes have been constructed this past year as during the year 1956, two new commercial buildings have been built, and the City Farm Property is going into taxation. The City Parking Lot has been purchased by the City and will go out of taxation. Buildings which have been demolished on Winooski Ave. will also constitute a loss to the Grand List.

We have estimated that there will be an increase in the assessed value of real estate of approximately \$220,000.00.

Leslie G. Gallup, *Chairman*
Elmer E. Pierce
Cornelius H. Lawrence

BARRE-MONTPELIER AIRPORT COMMISSION

The airline on-and-off passenger traffic count of 11,342 represents an all time record at this airport. It is an increase of 21% over the previous year, and thereby exceeds the national average increase of air traffic in 1957. Ski traffic contributed to the growth during the months of January and February; the spectacular rise also included large increases during the summer months.

In a realignment of schedules for the winter, effecting all northern New England states, Northeast withdrew its noon-time south bound schedule for New York on November 15. A strong protest was registered against this move, resulting in some modification through a Lebanon connection. However, the airline is being urged to restore the original schedule at an early date, and to maintain it around the year.

The Cities of Barre and Montpelier, together with the State of Vermont, are progressing on the construction of the new terminal building. An architect, Gordon Woods, of St. Johnsbury, has been selected and has completed preliminary drawings. Space allocation has been agreed upon by the agencies which will occupy the building. It is expected that construction bids can be invited by late spring.

The beacon southwesterly of the airport is now being maintained by the airport as a required facility for night landings; it was one of many discontinued by CAA as an airway beacon.

Due to interference which would have resulted from the proximity of a new electric transmission line, it was necessary to abandon the low frequency supplementary markers which had been proposed on either side of the range station. Furthermore, CAA raised objections on the grounds of a possible overlap on transmission pattern between the beacons and the range station. The step was prompted further by the imminence of de-commissioning of all low frequency range stations according to federal airways plans. In their place, it is expected that the CAA will construct a VOR facility, either on the present location or a new site approximately 6 miles south of the airport.

In addition to the normal program of flight instruction and aircraft repair service, Vermont Flying Service received contracts from Norwich University to give flight instruction on a scholarship basis under the Cabot Foundation, and in connection with the ROTC Program at Norwich. In each instance, the student is receiving 40 hours of flight instruction which will qualify him for a private pilot's certificate.

The single plane wooden hangar owned by the Interstate Equipment Company was removed in July.

Although all construction was completed on the 500 ft. extension to the south, final payments have not been made; after such payments, about \$1,500 will be left.

	ON		OFF	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Passengers	5,771	4,917	5,571	4,459
Mail	15,180	14,990	Not Available	9,313
Express	30,138	46,094	“ “	11,491
Freight	68,043	14,092	“ “	9,523

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Edward F. Knapp, *Chairman*
Mayor Cornelius O. Granai, *Co-Chairman*
Donald G. Martin, *Montpelier Member*
Charles Cerasoli, *Barre Member*

BARRE-MONTPELIER AIRPORT
Financial Statement

February 1, 1957 to January 31, 1958

<i>Receipts</i>	
Northeast Airlines rent.....	\$ 3,500.00
Vermont Flying Service Rent.....	620.00
House rent.....	250.00
Interstate Equipment rent 4/1/57-6/30/57.....	30.00

CAA rent for remote control quarters.....	\$ 1.00
CAA-Services and Utilities for INSACS quarters.....	799.37
Electricity for Snack Bar.....	60.00
State of Vermont-maintenance assistance.....	1,200.00
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Total operating receipts.....	\$ 6,460.37
Barre's share of disbursements 8/1/56-12/31/57.....	6,949.49
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Total receipts.....	\$ 13,409.86
<i>Disbursements</i>	
Snowplowing and sanding runways.....	\$ 3,801.93
General maintenance-labor and materials.....	1,743.91
Property taxes.....	1,613.95
Light and power.....	1,100.04
Janitor service.....	960.00
Bookkeeping services.....	700.00
Insurance.....	549.98
Fuel Oil.....	549.37
Electrical maintenance-labor and materials.....	223.13
Legal services.....	68.70
Sundry supplies.....	35.51
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Total operating disbursements.....	\$ 11,346.52
Barre's share of receipts 8/1/56-1/31/57.....	4,912.18
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Total disbursements.....	\$ 16,258.70
Total operating cost—\$4,886.15	
Montpelier's share—\$2,443.08	

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RECREATION BOARD REPORT

We wish to thank the many volunteers who have contributed so much to make our expanded program of recreation an outstanding one during the past year. Special thanks should go to the many service clubs for their support of our Halloween program and for their participation in the Camp Shelter project. Our appreciation to the Mothers Club for help in purchasing playground equipment and for acting as sponsors for the Capital Teens.

Mrs. A. O. Brungardt, State Director of Recreation, has discussed our program with us and has listed the following suggestions for developing the facilities and program:

- a. Development of the wooded area and field in the rear of the Recreation Center for year around usage.
- b. Further development of Hubbard Park.
- c. Planning of neighborhood play areas and the establishment of a long range plan for their acquisition.

We are pleased with the expansion of our day camping program, the operation of the Teen Center, the expanded swimming program, and the tot lot program for pre-schoolers. We are constantly trying to improve the quality of all programs and to include groups not already reached.

Plans are to start developing the area in the rear of the Center to make a year around place for ice skating and a rustic playground area for summer use. We expect to ask for community support in developing this into a much needed centrally located recreation area.

We would like to congratulate the Recreation staff for a good job during the past year.

THE RECREATION BOARD

Herbert Farrington, *Chairman*
Mrs. Raymond Magwire, *Secretary*
John Corskie
Richard Babcock
Ralph Taylor

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Programs were conducted indoors at the Recreation Center and City Hall for the following groups:

BOYS AND GIRLS

Cheer Leading Club for Girls, Game Room and Gym Activities, Archery, Hunter Safety Instruction, Craft Program, Junior Basketball, Square Dance Instruction, Junior Audubon Club, Roller Skating, Creative Dancing Classes.

TEENS

Leader Club, Social Dancing Classes, Game Room Activities, Roller Skating, Weekly Dances, High School Basketball League, Volleyball League for Boys.

ADULTS

Art Instruction, Adult Archery, Sports Night, Badminton, Volleyball, Men's Basketball League.

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Over 450 teens have belonged to the Capital Teens during the last year and their activities have originated at the Teen Center, which is just a year old this month. A committee from the Mother's Club has acted as advisers for the Teen Council which determines the activities. Average attendance at the Center has been 75.

Junior Teen dances were held weekly for an average of 150 6, 7, and 8th graders.

Ten swim-dances were held at the pool last summer.

WINTER SPORTS

The Skating Area at VJC saw 4,215 participants during the year and included skating instruction and night skating.

The Ski Area at Sabin Meadow operated only three weeks because of lack of snow. A limited ski instruction program was conducted on Saturday mornings.

Both the skating and skiing areas have been relocated, the rink to the Denison property on College Street and the Ski Tow to Hubbard Park.

RECREATION FIELD

Six teams participated in the Men's Softball League, playing once a week for twelve weeks.

Various groups used the field including Little League, Babe Ruth League, Men's Baseball, and the High School baseball, football and track teams.

A new scoreboard was constructed at the field by the Jaycees. A new softball backstop and needed gravel fill was completed at the field.

SWIMMING POOL

The total attendance at the pool was 24,000 during the ten week season. A larger number of teens and adults attended activities at the pool.

300 different children received instruction from beginners to senior life savers.

PLAYGROUNDS

Four different play areas were operated, three of them as neighborhood playgrounds for 4 weeks and the Union School area for 8 weeks.

The tot program included boys and girls of pre-school age—three days a week during the mornings only.

Activities were conducted for boys and girls in active games, crafts, dramatics, nature activities, singing and special events.

DAY CAMP

Over 300 boys and girls attended Indian Crest Day Camp in Hubbard Park during the 4 weeks of its operation. The registration fee of only \$1.00 a week allowed all to attend and participate in nature and camping activities.

A staff of eight counselors and ten junior counselors led the average daily attendance of 150 campers.

A new camp shelter added to the general program.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Ten different special events were held during the year with well over 8,000 attending.

A Ski-Skate Sale was held in December to exchange winter sports equipment.

Eight staff members attended playground training session in Fairlee and the camp counselors training day. Two of the pool staff attended the National Aquatic School.

The superintendent attended the New England Conference, the Vermont-New Hampshire Directors Weekend and the Vermont Governor's Conference. The superintendent is President of the Vermont Recreation Society and a member of the New England Advisory Committee of the N.R.A. and a member of the public relations committee of the A.R.S.

James E. Fearon,
Recreation Director

PARK COMMISSION

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Considerable increase in use of the Park, by the public was evidenced during the past year, due mainly to the shelter project initiated by the Recreation Department. Even though its construction is not yet complete, it was sufficiently advanced for use by the Recreation Department in its Day Camp program during four weeks in July and August. The shelter was also used frequently for special picnics. Next season the Girl Scout Council plan to use this area for two weeks in June, 1958. Temporary ski tow facilities were installed on the slope to the shelter last fall with skiing for beginners and intermediates being transferred to this area as part of the Recreation Department program.

Your commissioners are pleased with the increased interest shown and have tried to cooperate in every feasible manner to enhance further interest and use by the public of the facilities offered in the Park. For the first time last season, firewood was furnished to all fireplaces daily. Over 5000 pine seedlings were set out last spring on the open slopes. Also, mainly because of vandalism, all entrances to the Park were closed nights and we appreciate the assistance given by the Police Department in policing and closing the gates at night.

Robert G. Simon,
Chairman

Albert C. Bliss
Secretary and Treasurer

Ralph F. Taylor
Horace R. Teachout
Norman K. Pine

PARK COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

January 31, 1958

U. S. Treasury Bond 2½ of 1967-72 No. 85336-85340.....	\$ 2,500.00
Savings Account (Montpelier Savings Bank No. 46185)	2,067.23
Savings Account (Montpelier National Bank No. 18845).....	704.51
Balance in checking account Feb. 1, 1957 (First Nat'l Bank).....	139.63
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	\$ 5,411.37

Income

City of Montpelier—1957 appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
Bond coupons and interest from savings account ..	119.15
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	\$ 1,619.15
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	\$ 7,030.52

Expense

Labor.....	\$ 2,275.49
Supplies.....	221.12
Gas and Oil.....	109.12
Insurance.....	91.69
Truck repairs.....	60.21
Shelter project.....	50.00
Setting out pine seedlings.....	44.50
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	\$ 2,852.13
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	\$ 4,178.39

U. S. Treasury Bond 2½ of 1967-72 No. 85336-85340	\$ 2,500.00
Savings Account (Montpelier Savings Bank No. 46185).....	767.23
Savings Account (Montpelier National Bank No. 18845).....	704.51
Balance in checking account (First Nat'l Bank)....	206.65
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	\$ 4,178.39

Robert G. Simon, *Chairman*
 Norman K. Pine
 Albert C. Bliss
 Horace R. Teachout
 Ralph F. Taylor

I have examined the Park Commission Account, in accordance with the annual city of Montpelier audit, including Treasury Bonds No. 85336-85340 and accompanied coupons, vouchers, check book etc., and found the account to be in good order for the year from February 1, 1957 to January 31, 1958.

William A. Cattnach

GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY COMMISSION

The City Council having "abandoned" the project for the road improvement at the Cemetery curve changed the Commission's plans with respect to the Sexton's Home and for a building to store all of the Cemetery equipment in one place. It was also necessary to make very necessary repairs to the Sexton's House and to get the garage back on its foundation. During the past ten years the garage had been the victim of several automobile and truck crashes. The cost of the repairs including painting the total property was approximately \$2,000.00.

The Commission is now confronted with one more road problem. The Highway Department plans for the new Interstate road cuts into the so-called garden at the Middlesex side for a space of about 30 feet. The Commission has had several conferences with the Highway Department in an effort to avoid this situation but we are informed that because of the certain conditions involving the river it is necessary to take this piece of land or increase the cost of the overpass from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

The fill for the overhead bridge will come to the edge of the thirty-foot space referred to and will slope up to a height of 40 feet. The Highway Department has offered to landscape the slope at the garden side, plant trees and the officials claim the finished "product" will not be objectionable. No final agreements have been made between the Commission and the State.

The long-range program to improve the looks of the Cemetery by resetting the many monuments which had become dislocated by age and weather is continuing. Several large trees were removed on the advice of the State Forestry Department because of a tree disease. The Commission has added to the working equipment so as to decrease operating expense. Roads have been repaired and in many sections oil has been spread to preserve them and to keep them free from weeds.

The trust fund has been increased by several thousand dollars from sale of lots and about \$2,300.00 from profit on sale of securities.

The Commission respectfully asks that the Citizens appropriate \$4,500.00 to assist in meeting the expenses of the Cemetery. This is the same amount as voted in 1957.

The members of the Commission express their appreciation to Superintendent Dean K. Richardson for the efficiency with which he has carried on the care and operations at the Cemetery.

MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMISSION

W. L. McKee, *Chairman*
Lucia Bliss
Henry B. Hudson
E. Stanley Jayne
Hugh B. Jones

COMMISSIONERS OF GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY
STATEMENT OF GENERAL ACCOUNT

Debit

1957

By cash on hand Feb. 1, 1957.....	\$ 7,166.90	
Amt. rec'd from care of lots, etc.	5,248.50	
Amt. rec'd from lots sold.....	620.00	
Amt. rec'd from trust funds.....	7,193.20	
Voted Appropriation.....	4,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 24,728.60

Credit

Paid out for labor, etc.....	\$ 10,818.78	
Paid out for material and supplies.....	5,981.46	
Paid out for insurance.....	399.95	
Paid out for withholding taxes.....	997.39	
Paid out for water rent.....	153.75	
Paid out for telephone.....	201.23	
Paid out for electricity.....	85.87	
Bal. cash on hand.....	6,090.17	
	<hr/>	\$ 24,728.60

The Annie F. Eaton Fund

To amt. of fund created Oct. 16, 1902...	\$ 200.00	
Income to Jan. 1, 1958.....	451.30	
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Mont. Sav. Bank & Tr. Co., stock.....	\$ 37.00	
By deposit in Acc't. No. 21775.....	614.30	
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The James R. Langdon Fund

To amt. of fund created April 1, 1899...	\$ 3,000.00	
Income to Jan. 1, 1958.....	482.37	
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By deposit in Acct. No. 18879.....	\$ 3,482.37	\$ 3,482.37

Trust Fund Account

To amt. of fund.....	\$ 168,390.76	
Amt. of funds rec'd during year.....	125.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 170,515.76
Profit on Securities sold.....	2,621.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 173,136.86

Investments

Bonds	\$ 73,564.32	
Investment Trusts	58,171.19	
Stocks including bank stock	39,816.57	
Bal. cash in account No. 15519	1,584.78	
		<hr/> \$ 173,136.86

The foregoing is a just and true account.

Warren B. Lowe,
Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONTPELIER WOMAN'S CLUB, INC.

The Montpelier Woman's Club, Inc., submits the following statement of the income and expenses of the District Nurse Fund for the fiscal year of the city, February 1, 1957 through January 31, 1958.

The District Nurse made 1,772 calls and visited 437 patients. There were 505 free calls.

Income

Balance on hand, February 1, 1957	\$ 1,206.45	
City of Montpelier	\$ 1,800.00	
Collections from District Nurse	1,655.00	
Interest on United States Bonds	180.20	
New England Telephone and Telegraph Coupons ..	135.00	
Capital Savings Bank & Trust Co. Dividend	16.00	
Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co. Dividend ..	36.72	
Fashion Show 1957	403.02	
"Dusting Off Montpelier" 1958—Incomplete	253.86	4,479.80
		<hr/> \$ 5,686.25

Expenses

Salaries of Nurse and substitute	\$ 2,573.66	
Social Security Payments	56.92	
Nurses' Car Allowance	550.00	
Telephone	109.14	
Supplies	63.02	
Remedial Fund	26.68	
Safe Deposit Box Rental	3.30	
Savings Account Replacement	500.00	3,882.72
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Balance on hand, January 31, 1958	\$ 1,803.53	

Dorothy G. Kimball
Assistant Treasurer

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Montpelier:

ORGANIZATION

On March 6, 1957, the Board organized by electing as its officers: Chairman, Morton A. Laird; Secretary, Mrs. Robert G. Holt; Treasurer, Horace R. Teachout. Temporary special committees appointed by the chairman were: budget and salary, Horace R. Teachout, Mrs. Robert G. Holt, Loriman S. Brigham and Dr. Herbert Johnston; teachers, Walter G. Nelson, Jr., Carl H. Hopkins and Elbridge G. Miller; policy, John C. Corskie, Mrs. Robert G. Holt and Elbridge G. Miller. The chairman is an ex-officio member of all such committees.

Last March, Morton A. Laird was re-elected to the Board and Dr. Herbert Johnston and John Corskie were elected to fill the positions vacated by Mrs. Harold L. Somers and William S. Heaton, both of whom had served several years.

BUDGET

In the preparation of the budget careful consideration was given to all items. The allocations for seven items were reduced, fifteen were increased and twenty-one remained the same. However, the overall budget increase amounted to \$57,975 but the additional cost to the city will be only \$10,000. The following paragraphs will explain how this was brought about.

1. Payroll Reserve Fund—For many years, prior to the revision of the Montpelier City Charter, the school department, along with the city government, carried enough money in its current year's operating budget to meet the payroll during the month of February, the first month of its new fiscal year. The charter change now permits the city to borrow money after February 1 in anticipation of tax appropriations at the annual meeting and the collection in July.

The Board of School Commissioners, wishing to cooperate with the City government in keeping the tax rate as constant as possible, has voted to apply \$14,000 of the reserve toward reducing its increased request to the City in the 1958-59 budget. The remainder of the fund will be expended the ensuing year for the same purpose.

2. State aid for Current Expenditures—The 1957-58 budget anticipated state aid for current expenses in the amount of \$27,600. As a result of legislative action the rate of state aid was increased; Montpelier thereby received \$37,814.34. To reduce the additional request to the City \$10,000 of the extra allotment, now surplus, has been applied to the new budget. The new state aid formula provides increased percentages for a 5-year period. Based on current enrollment the anticipated state aid for the 1958-59 budget is \$49,469.00.

3. Tuition—The tuition charge for the high school will remain at the current rate of \$335. The last legislature removed the fixed limit of

\$155 on elementary tuition and permitted the rate to be based on the per pupil operating cost. On this basis Montpelier will charge \$230. for the coming year.

The 1958-59 school year will conclude the arrangement by which the Montpelier Board accepted the upper grade children from Middlesex. In September only the 8th grade will be in attendance. This year 8 children, scattered throughout the elementary grades, were accepted from the Jones Brook area of Moretown. This arrangement is on an annual basis.

4. Surplus—As shown in the city report of last year, the School Department ended the 1956-1957 fiscal year with an unexpended balance of \$6,868.14. The present fiscal year ended with an additional surplus of \$12,934.40—\$10,214.34 of which came from increased state aid as previously mentioned. The Board, therefore, from this total surplus of \$19,802.54 has applied \$15,000 toward the new budget.

SALARIES

The 1957 Vermont Legislature passed a new minimum salary, effective with the opening of school last September. The salary schedule previously adopted by the Board did not meet the requirements at any of the three levels of experience. The schedule was, therefore, revised in July to meet these new standards. This resulted in more funds being required for teachers' salaries than had been budgeted.

For the coming school year the Board has adopted a schedule starting at \$3500 for a Bachelor's degree and in 14 years reaching a maximum of \$5250. A Master's degree rates an additional \$300 at each level. The longevity increase, whereby a teacher with 20 years of service in the Montpelier schools receives an additional \$200 each year for the 5-year period prior to retirement, continues in the new schedule.

Last spring and summer it was necessary to contract 18 full time and 2 part time teachers for the present school year. A good teaching staff is essential to the maintenance of a good school system. If Montpelier is to keep its staff at a high quality level good salaries are mandatory.

MAINTENANCE

While building maintenance and improvement requirements constitute 3.3% of the total budget it represents a rather substantial increase over the preceding year. To complete the renovation of the Main Street building to meet the needs of the 6, 7 and 8th grades, approximately \$30,000 will be required. The plans call for this work to be done over a period of three years. As parts of the overall project would be eligible for state assistance a request was presented to the State Board of Education. Approval was granted at the January meeting. It is uncertain as to the amount Montpelier may receive from the state but it will be of considerable help. To comply with the state re-

quirement the money allocated for the project must be specified in the budget. For the coming year this amounts to \$10,000.

During the past summer a second partition was built across the former study hall, thereby creating out of this large room three classrooms of adequate size. Three partitions were removed on the upper floor to enlarge the corner classrooms to a more desirable size. The former boys' coat room was converted into a very satisfactory art room.

The budget request for maintenance of grounds was increased in the amount of \$1000. All the sidewalks at the Main Street School are in very poor condition and a hot mix covering is needed. The driveway and parking area at the High School must be resealed if the present pavement is to be preserved. This work would not be done until after the by-pass project has been completed.

PUPIL ENROLLMENT AND TEACHING STAFF

Prior to the completion of the new high school building in December 1955, many classrooms throughout the system were seriously overcrowded. When the Main Street School became available for grades 6, 7, 8 the solution to the problem was undertaken—the gradual addition of staff members. In 1955-56, two full time staff members were added; 1956-57, four full time and two part time; 1957-58, six full time and one part time; 1958-59, four full time now authorized and possibly one full time and 2 part time beyond this may be needed.

These additional teachers have made it possible to reduce the room enrollments in the grades to an average of 25 students (they range from 22 to 31). In four grades there are at present 5 divisions.

At the high school a different situation exists. Some of the elective courses have small class memberships but at the same time many of the required courses such as English and Social Studies are overloaded. It is impossible to distribute the class load on the same basis as in the graded school program. Some of the mathematics and science classes are too large to permit the best use of teacher time, laboratory space, etc. This coming year two teachers will be added in the aforementioned subject areas.

For many years the Montpelier Public Schools have looked forward to the day when it would be possible to bring the teacher-pupil ratio to a reasonable figure. A room enrollment of 25 students has for years been the desired maximum—the nearer to 20 the better. Now this goal has to a large degree been reached. We are, therefore, in a position to make the best possible use of the teachers' time and energy. At a period when so much emphasis is being given to education at all levels it is fortunate that Montpelier has accomplished so much in two phases of the overall program, i. e., adequate buildings, and a desirable teacher-pupil ratio.

It also should be noted that the teaching staff of the schools this year has been of outstanding quality. The above mentioned factors have been important in attracting capable teachers to the Montpelier Public Schools.

Summary of Enrollment Figures—As of January 1, 1958, the total enrollment was as follows:

Kgtn.	98	Grade 5—118	Grade 9—163
Grade 1—110		“ 6— 96	“ 10—133
“ 2—115		“ 7 —91	“ 11—114
“ 3—123		“ 8—104	“ 12—101
“ 4—122			P.G. 2

<i>Date</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Total</i>
Jan. 1, 1958	978	511	1489
“ 1, 1957	946	483	1429
Feb. 1, 1956	924	451	1375
“ 1, 1955	897	452	1349

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

During the year many groups and individuals have given generously of their time and money. For this assistance we are deeply appreciative.

The Kiwanis Club—medical, surgical, dental and ocular care for needy children.

Montpelier Woman’s Club—physical education uniforms for deserving children.

Argus Santa—warm clothing at Christmas time for many children.

City Club, Elks, Lions Club, Kiwanis and Rotary Club—sponsoring boys to Boys’ State and girls to Girls’ State.

Rotary Club—sponsoring students to the Model United Nations and helping with the “career days” at the high school.

Montpelier High School Alumni Association—prizes, gifts and help to needy students in many ways.

Mothers’ Club—providing refreshments at Education Week programs.

Kellogg Hubbard Library—cooperation with many school projects.

A.A.U.W.—\$250 college scholarship to a high school senior girl.

V.F.W.—Commencement Awards.

Berlin East side Home Demonstration Group—knitted articles of clothing.

Elks Club—varsity letter men’s dinner.

Unitarian Church—annual football dinner.

Dr. Davis—generous contribution of his time for immunization and examination clinics and physical examinations for high school athletic teams.

Other local doctors for their willingness to be in attendance at home football games.

Many citizens and organizations beyond the above mentioned have been of great assistance to the Board and the schools in many ways. We gratefully acknowledge their fine spirit of cooperation.

CONCLUSION

In conformity with the Montpelier City Charter, we recommend to the City Council that the amount to be raised by taxation for school purposes for the fiscal year of 1958-59 is \$399,297.60—of which \$42,900.00 is for debt service.

Respectfully submitted,

Morton A. Laird, *Chairman*
Margaret P. Holt, *Secretary*
Horace R. Teachout, *Treasurer*
Walter G. Nelson, Jr.
Elbridge G. Miller
Loriman S. Brigham
Carl H. Hopkins
Dr. Herbert Johnston
John C. Corskie

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

Receipts

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1957.....	\$ 6,868.14	
Requisitions.....	491,942.32	
Total receipts and balance.....		\$ 498,810.46

Expenditures

Expended as per vouchers.....	\$ 479,007.92	
Balance unexpended.....	19,802.54	
Total expenditures and balance.....		\$ 498,810.46

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

	Budget 1957-1958	Actual 1957-1958	Proposed Budget 1958-1959
Unexpended balance.....		6,868.14	\$ 15,000.00
City Appropriation (including debt service).....	\$ 389,297.60	\$ 388,547.80	\$ 399,297.60
Tuition.....	62,000.00	60,187.39	73,067.50
Rent.....	450.00	633.50	450.00
State Aid (current expense).....	27,662.40	37,814.34	49,469.90
State Aid (vocational and adult).....	500.00	546.90	500.00
Income from buses.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Evening School courses.....	350.00	946.32	450.00
Miscellaneous.....	500.00	1,266.07	500.00
Total receipts.....	\$ 482,760.00	\$ 498,810.46	\$ 540,735.00

Disbursements

	Budget	Actual	Proposed Budget
	1957-1958	1957-1958	1958-1959
General Control.....	\$ 15,460.00	\$ 15,591.54	\$ 15,715.00
Instruction.....	315,900.00	328,154.16	371,549.00
Auxiliary Agencies	8,300.00	7,165.47	7,800.00
Coordinate Activities.....	5,100.00	4,735.75	5,312.00
Operation of Plant.....	59,700.00	55,750.80	56,659.00
Fixed Charges.....	11,300.00	10,351.77	12,300.00
Maintenance.....	12,000.00	8,160.86	18,500.00
Capital Outlay.....	11,500.00	5,597.57	10,000.00
Debt Service.....	43,500.00	43,500.00	42,900.00
Total disbursements . . .	\$ 482,760.00	\$ 479,007.92	\$ 540,735.00

Itemized Breakdown of Expenditures

	Expended 1957-1958
GENERAL CONTROL	
School Census.....	\$ 300.00
Treasurer's Bond.....	81.08
Salaries (Superintendent, Secretary and Bookkeepers) . . .	13,793.20
Supplies.....	101.90
Travel and educational meetings.....	365.81
Printing.....	641.50
Magazines, memberships.....	118.55
Postage.....	162.00
Auditing of special accounts.....	20.00
Miscellaneous.....	7.50
Total.....	\$ 15,591.54
INSTRUCTIONS	
Salaries (Principals and Secretaries).....	\$ 21,391.97
Supplies.....	144.12
Teachers' Salaries.....	280,699.01
Instructional Supplies.....	10,502.68
Books.....	8,818.76
Commencement, Education Week, etc.....	63.00
Audio-visual materials.....	659.84
Tuition for special education.....	2,767.77
Tuition—trade school.....	187.50
Physical examinations—teachers.....	489.00
Rental of athletic facilities, police supervision and subsidy of High School Athletic Association.....	1,509.92
Dues, Memberships—educational organizations.....	118.54

Expenses of teachers to conferences.....	\$ 92.91
Expenses—teaching candidates.....	90.30
Incidental expenses for adult education classes.....	130.84
Expenses of driver training car.....	70.00
Teachers' transportation (local).....	418.00
Total.....	\$ 328,154.16
AUXILIARY AGENCIES	
Transportation.....	\$ 7,165.47
Total.....	\$ 7,165.47
COORDINATE ACTIVITIES	
Attendance Service.....	\$ 100.00
Nurse and nursing supplies.....	4,635.75
Total.....	\$ 4,735.75
OPERATION OF PLANT	
Salaries.....	\$ 25,157.89
Janitors' supplies.....	2,864.22
Fuel.....	17,953.15
Power and light.....	7,296.12
Water.....	1,092.68
Telephone.....	1,297.60
Truck operation.....	89.14
Total.....	\$ 55,750.80
FIXED CHARGES	
Insurance.....	\$ 6,126.41
Pensions.....	3,300.00
Social Security.....	925.36
Total.....	\$ 10,351.77
MAINTENANCE	
Upkeep of Buildings.....	\$ 3,342.80
Upkeep of Grounds.....	197.50
Upkeep of Service Systems.....	1,123.77
Repair and replacement of instructional equipment.....	2,442.19
Repair and replacement of furniture and operating equipment.....	1,054.60
Total.....	\$ 8,160.86

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Furniture.....	\$ 1,162.17
Instructional Equipment.....	1,941.21
Operating Equipment.....	1,181.67
Buildings.....	1,312.52
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Total.....	\$ 5,597.57

DEBT SERVICE

Interest.....	\$ 13,500.00
Repayment on Principal.....	30,000.00
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Total.....	\$ 43,500.00

MONTPELIER HIGH SCHOOL GRADING FUND

The 1956-57 budget included a special item of \$7500 for grading at the new high school. This amount was to be supplemented by \$2500 of state aid—one-half to be paid at the start of the project and the remainder at the conclusion. During the past year most of the scheduled work had to be postponed because of the by-pass construction project. It is hoped that by late fall this grading work will be completed.

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1957.....	\$ 4,701.70
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Disbursements

Gravel.....	\$ 184.30
Equipment rental.....	58.10
Seeds and shrubs.....	56.35
Miscellaneous.....	8.95
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Total.....	\$ 307.70
Balance on hand January 31, 1958.....	\$ 4,394.00*
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Total.....	\$ 4,701.70

*Certificate of deposit in Capital Savings Bank & Trust Co.

BUS DEPRECIATION FUND

The 1957-1958 budget carried for the first time a special allowance of \$1000 for a bus depreciation fund. This money has been transferred from the school fund to a certificate of deposit in the Capital Savings Bank & Trust Co.

City Meeting Warning

The legal voters in City Meeting, in Montpelier, in the County of Washington and State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet at the City Hall in said Montpelier on the first Tuesday in March, March 4th, A. D. 1958, at six o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following business:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, three Auditors, one Commissioner of Green Mount Cemetery for a term of five years, one Park Commissioner for a term of five years, three School Commissioners for a term of two years, and three Aldermen, one Alderman each from Wards 2, 4 and 6 for a term of two years.

ARTICLE 2. Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this City? Shall spirituous liquor be sold in this City?

ARTICLE 3. To receive and act on the reports of the City Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate to be used for the proper observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate for use by the Montpelier Band in furnishing a series of free summer musical concerts, and will continue the privilege of free use of the City Hall for band purposes and public band concerts.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate for the Board of Park Commissioners for the purpose of maintaining Hubbard Park.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate for the benefit of the Wood Art Gallery.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum of money the City will vote as compensation to the Mayor for his services for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum of money the City will vote as compensation to the Aldermen for their services for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate to be used by the Commissioners of Green Mount Cemetery for the care and maintenance of all public cemeteries in the City of Montpelier.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate to be used for lighting and decoration, including the nativity scene, during the Christmas season.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate to pay the expenses of a District Nurse.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the City will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed Twenty-seven Hundred Dollars to provide scholarships,

not to exceed eight in number, at Vermont College for the school year of 1958-1959; said scholarships to be distributed among the resident graduates of Montpelier High School and St. Michael's High School so far as possible in proportion to the respective number of graduating students, the recipients of such scholarships to be chosen by a committee composed of the Principal of Montpelier High School, the Principal of St. Michael's High School, the President of Vermont College, and two citizens chosen yearly by the City Council of the City of Montpelier.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the City will vote to instruct the City Council to contract for the transportation of pupils.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the City will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars and Seventy-six Cents, to a fund established by the City Council known as the Retirement Fund, under and in accordance with No. 189 of the Acts of 1933, as amended by No. 253 of the Acts of 1935.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the City will vote to authorize the Auditors of the City of Montpelier to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the Auditor of Accounts as provided for in Sections 3603 through 3608 of the Vermont Statutes to conduct an audit of the accounts of the City of Montpelier.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the City will vote to make the provisions of No. 219 of the Public Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Vermont for 1957 effective as to the City of Montpelier on March 15, A. D. 1958 when by so doing will abolish the quadrennial appraisals of real estate in Montpelier.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the City will vote to change its fiscal year so that the current fiscal year will end on December 31, A. D. 1958 and each succeeding fiscal year will commence on January 1st of each year and end on December 31st of the same year, all in accordance with the authority granted by Section 3595 of the Vermont Statutes as amended by No. 66 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1951.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the City will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to establish a reserve fund to be under the control and direction of the Montpelier City Council such monies to be kept in a separate account and to be used only for the purpose of paying the cost to the City incurred in the construction, rebuilding and alteration of Winooski Avenue in the City of Montpelier, including its connection with State Street and Bailey Avenue in said City, which work is now in progress.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the City will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars to be placed in a special reserve fund under the control and direction of the Montpelier City Council and to be used only by said Council to pay the cost of major street re-construction within the City of Montpelier.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the City will vote to place in the Sinking Fund any portion of the tax raised on the Grand List and to provide the terms of its use.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the City will vote a tax for the payment of debts and current expenses of the City, for carrying out any of the purposes of the Charter, for the support of the schools in the City, and for the payment of all State and County taxes and obligations imposed upon the City by law.

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Mayor Edward F. Knapp ceremoniously officiating at opening of the Winooski Avenue By-Pass. Vermont District Engineer of U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, Albert Purchase, stands rear center at the side of State Highway Commissioner, William Poeter.

DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICIALS

FISCAL YEAR 1958

MAYOR

His Honor Edward F. Knapp

22 Winter St.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

President—Herbert F. Farrington

Vice President—Manual Canas, Jr.

Term Expires 1959

*Colby J. Taylor	Ward 1	12 St. Paul St.
Herbert F. Farrington	Ward 3	Towne St.
Elbert B. Colburn	Ward 5	Winter St.

Term Expires 1960

Manual Canas, Jr.	Ward 2	28 Foster St.
Willard R. Strong	Ward 4	80 Terrace St.
Stanley G. Knapp	Ward 6	39 Northfield St.

*Resigned, Jan. 1959.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Clerk

Warren B. Lowe

City Treasurer

Warren B. Lowe

Auditors

John P. Adams, Jr.,

Chairman

William A. Cattanach

Paul B. Williams

Cemetery Commissioners

E. Stanley Jayne 1954-1959

Hugh B. Jones, Jr. 1955-1960

William L. McKee, 1956-1961

Chairman

Henry B. Hudson 1957-1962

Lucia B. Bliss 1958-1963

Park Commissioners

Norman K. Pine 1954-1959

Albert C. Bliss 1955-1960

Horace R. Teachout 1956-1961

Ralph F. Taylor 1957-1962

Robert G. Simon,

Chairman

1958-1963

School Commissioners

Morton A. Laird,

Chairman

1957-1959

W. Herbert Johnston 1957-1959

John C. Corskie 1957-1959

Margaret P. Holt 1958-1960

Carl H. Hopkins 1958-1960

Glen Goodall 1958-1960

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

CITY MANAGER.....Ralph Irving
AIRPORT COMMISSION Edward F. Knapp, *Ch.*, Manual Canas, Jr.
LISTERS.....Leslie G. Gallup, *Ch.*, Elmer E. Pierce,
Cornelius H. Lawrence

CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENTS

CITY ENGINEER.....John A. MacKenzie
STREET COMMISSIONER.....John A. MacKenzie
WATER COMMISSIONER.....John A. MacKenzie
OVERSEER OF THE POOR.....Leodina G. Ryan
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.....Sidney F. Lawson
CHIEF OF POLICE.....George J. Connor
HEALTH OFFICER AND SANITARY
INSPECTOR.....Walter L. Davis, M. D.
RECREATION DIRECTOR.....James E. Fearon
CITY ATTORNEY.....John D. Paterson
CITY GRAND JUROR.....W. Edson McKee
CITY SHERIFF.....Olisse M. Melada
CITY CONSTABLE.....Olisse M. Melada
FENCE VIEWERS.....Adelaide E. Thayer, Amos Dow,
Francis J. Murtaugh
FOREST FIRE WARDEN.....Sidney F. Lawson
POUNDKEEPER.....Dr. Ansel F. Caranahan
SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND INSPECTORS OF SHINGLES
B. Elaine Atkins, Karl H. Norris, Frank E. Perolini
TREE WARDEN.....Robert G. Simon
PURCHASING AGENT.....Ralph Irving
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT—David F. Hoxie, *Chairman*, Howard
Baird, James S. Brock, Adna M. Greaves, Lloyd T. Hayward,
Leslie G. Gallup, Administrator.
RECREATION BOARD—Herbert F. Farrington, *Chairman*, Richard
T. Babcock, Mrs. Raymond B. Magwire, Ralph E. Taylor, John C.
Corskies.
VERMONT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE—Mrs. Perry
H. Merrill, *Chairman*, Robert H. Chastney, Rev. W. P. Crosby,
Mrs. Erwin M. Harvey, Ralph E. Noble.
PLANNING COMMISSION—*Oscar L. Olson, H. G. Philbrook, Jr.,
Chairman, William L. Duke, *Vice-Chairman*, Mrs. Muriel C. Wil-
liams, *Clerk*, Mahlon W. Corker, C. Andrew Herschel, Gilbert
Pierce, Bryce J. Kinney, Harry Bossi, **Arthur J. Goss, Mrs. Charles
A. Piche, David F. Hoxie.

*Resigned.

**Appointed.

OTHER OFFICIALS

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

THE CITY COUNCIL—Edward F. Knapp, *Chairman*, Colby J. Taylor, Manuel Canas, Jr., Herbert F. Farrington, Willard R. Strong, Elbert B. Colburn, Stanley G. Knapp.

THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Albert F. Barrett, Louis E. Boucher, Orsolina F. Cecchini, Peter Giuliani, Ruth B. Jones, Ruth A. Knapp, Frederick G. Mehlman, Perry H. Merrill, Pedro Monte, Fabian E. Mooney, Harry R. Seivwright, Robert G. Simon, John H. Stone, Howard E. Sweeney, William N. Theriault.

BOARD FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES

The City Council, The Justices of the Peace, The City Listers, and the City Clerk.

APPOINTEES TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS BY WASHINGTON COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Loriman S. Brigham, Walter G. Nelson, Jr., Horace R. Teachout.

APPOINTEES BY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

Philip H. Mathewson, Superintendent of Schools
Robert H. Chastney, Principal of the High School.
Clarence P. Amadon, Principal of the Union School.



City Officials—Standing L. to R., Aldermen Willard R. Strong, Elbert B. Colburn, City Manager Ralph Irving, City Attorney John Paterson, Alderman Stanley G. Knapp; Seated, Aldermen Pres., Herbert F. Farrington, Mayor Edward F. Knapp, Aldermen Vice Pres., Manuel Canas, Jr.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

The past year has seen completion of two major improvements—the new Winooski Avenue route, or by-pass, and the water syphon system from Berlin Pond.

The Winooski Avenue route, including the new Bailey Avenue bridge, now makes it possible for through-traffic to avoid the congested State and Main street areas and to reduce the heavy truck traffic over these streets to a negligible volume.

In addition, it provides an unexcelled access to the high school, and will also serve as access to the new interstate highway route on which work is expected to start in the Spring of 1959 at the Montpelier interchange.

Recognition should also be made of the progress achieved in construction of the new Home Office Building of the National Life. When this building is occupied in 1960, Winooski Avenue will also provide one of its two approaches. It is doubtful whether any improvement project in the city has served so many useful purposes.

Work on constructing the base portion of First Avenue was finished before winter, but the surface and paving were deferred until spring. Together with similar reconstruction of Liberty, Sibley, and Sabin streets in previous years, this project may be regarded as an initial phase of rebuilding secondary streets. More properly, it might be said that these streets are now being built, since they never had a base except the clay to which surface treatment has been added in later years.

With financial assistance granted by National Life, a superior type of construction has improved Derby Drive, and is scheduled to continue on Mountain View. These two streets will comprise the easterly entrance to the new Home Office.

Many other improvements were made during the year to which reference will be found in department reports.

Looking to the future, studies are continuing on the installation of a sewerage treatment plant and the necessary interceptors. It is recommended that land for the plant itself be acquired immediately.

The feasibility of effecting changes in the commercial and business section of the city through the federal Urban Renewal Program is being studied by the Planning Board, aided by Northeast Planning Associates as consultants. Purpose of the program would be a dual one—strengthening the commercial phase of the city's development and establishing a base for a higher tax return.

In recommending the tax rate of \$4.33, the same figure as last year, the Council is taking cognizance of the oft repeated contention that taxes in Montpelier are too high, and should not go higher.

It should be self-evident that in arriving at this figure, it was necessary to make adjustments in the estimates submitted by many city departments. The effect of slow inflation in costs related to every aspect of city operations cannot be ignored. It is only the same effect that is felt in every household, except applied to the larger problem of a whole city.

In view of such a circumstance, it is then evident that a choice must be made between two broad courses—either accept a higher tax rate to cover the rising costs and additional needs, or forego such needs for this year and effect savings to permit operation of city services within the figure of \$4.33.

The Council recognizes the impossibility of arriving at any rate which will meet with universal approval. As always, any figure selected poses the basic question of how much the taxpayer desires to pay for what services. More complete services can be set up—but for more money; less money can be spent—but resulting in less service. “Service” means police and fire protection, street and water system maintenance, recreation programs, welfare, schools, parks, cemeteries, airport improvements, and general administration.

The Council believes that the attainment of a higher level of municipal services in the coming year would result in a prohibitively high tax rate but that the well-being of the City would be jeopardized by dropping below the present level.

In the last five years school costs have doubled. The 1959 budget request for schools is \$211,000 more than for 1954. During the same five year period general city tax requirements have increased by only \$19,000.00 and the budget for all city purposes other than schools does permit a five cent decrease in the 1959 tax rate. The Council believes that the schools should be permitted to absorb this reduction in the tax rate permitted under the budget for general City purposes but that the increase in school costs should be held there rather than to permit the further increase of \$21,761.72 (including borrowing) that is equivalent to \$.11 in the tax rate. This is particularly important in that from the exhibits in the City Manager’s budget message it appears that school costs will continue to spiral upward at a pace faster than the economy of the City can reasonably afford. The increase, if permitted this year, will not stabilize the tax rate in future years, but to the contrary will tend to accelerate the upward spiral and would automatically require an estimated increase of at least \$50,000.00 (\$.25 in tax rate) for the 1960 school budget.

The City Council has the highest regard for the sincerity and integrity of the School Board members but believes that it has the duty to keep the voters fully informed, not only on the effect of the present City budget on the current tax rate, but also, as to how future tax rates will be affected. The voters, at City meeting, being informed can then decide the issue by fixing the tax rate and also fixing the amount of money to be appropriated for school purposes. Whatever the voters’ decision may be it is anticipated that both the School Board and Council will continue to administer the affairs of the City to the best of their abilities.

Edward F. Knapp, *Mayor*

Herbert Farrington, *Council President*

Manuel Canas, *Council Vice President*

Elbert Colburn, *Councilman*

Stanley Knapp, *Councilman*

CITY OF MONTPELIER

Montpelier, Vermont

Office of
City Manager

To the Honorable City Council and Citizens of Montpelier:

It is a pleasure to again present an annual report showing the fiscal affairs of the City in excellent shape.

Accumulative surplus from 1958 will reduce 1959 tax requirements by \$35,000. This in part, permits a planned 1959 budget requiring a tax rate .05c less than 1958 for General City purposes and .05c more for School purposes, thereby maintaining the same \$4.33 tax rate.

During 1958 a total of \$117,000 was paid on the City debt and during 1959 there will be additional payments totaling \$109,000. No additional debt was incurred during 1958 and only temporary borrowing is planned for 1959, most of which will be repaid from revenue sources.

Excellent cooperation from department heads and their personnel—together with wise policy decisions by the City Council—have resulted in another successful municipal year.

Sincerely,

Ralph Irving,
City Manager



Berlin Pond—source and now reservoir for ample quantity of high quality water for Montpelier's water system. Picture taken while preparing to lower 24-inch pipe floated into position by pontoons. The barge in center indicates where the intake pipe is in water depth of 26 feet. A \$350,000 project completed in 1958.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1958

UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

1958 Grand List increase (\$11,878.57) and close supervision of departmental operations were jointly responsible for accumulating a sizeable surplus from which \$35,000.00 can be appropriated to reduce 1959 taxes.

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The completion of the new syphon system, transmitting pure, crystal clear water through nearly three miles of pipeline assures the city an ample quantity of high quality water in its public distribution system.

The maintenance and operation costs of this new system is almost negligible and is one of the most efficient systems in the country. The city was fortunate to have an unexpended balance of \$9,584.41 from the \$360,000.00 bond issue.

WINOOSKI AVENUE BY-PASS

This project, one of the most modern in the state, was completed in late summer. The heavy volume of traffic using this route since its completion has already proved it a most valuable asset relieving the problems from ever increasing traffic flow through the city. \$20,380.98 was unexpended from that budget and the savings will be realized by having available that amount of State Aid funds—1959 through 1962—that had been earmarked in anticipation for the Winooski Avenue Project. Further assets from the Project can be realized by, either or both, beautification of road side park areas and financial returns from sale of land for gasoline stations and the resulting perpetual tax revenue.

NATIONAL LIFE BUILDING

The half completed multi-million dollar National Life Insurance Company's building perched on its lofty hilltop site has already established itself as a permanent and famous land mark in Vermont.

SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES

The State's stream anti-pollution program classifying the Winooski River and the Stevens Branch downstream to within our city's border line has caused Montpelier to evaluate its position relative to the city's pollution of the river and to study the future need for sewage treatment facilities. A preliminary engineering study has been made, financed by a Federal advance of \$6,800.00. This report is now being studied and it is anticipated that a proposed future course of action will be considered during the current year. This budget does provide \$6,000.00 from the unexpended Water Bond balance to buy the Farr land for a Sewage Treatment Plant site.

URBAN RENEWAL STUDY

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the Planning Commission has been a study of the feasibility of an urban renewal program for

the Capital City. This has been accomplished with the employment of the Northeast Planning Associates on a consulting basis. It is obvious that much of the detailed "leg work" and statistical data was accomplished by Planning Commission members as the entire budget was only \$1,000.00. The results of the report are now being considered and the Planning Commission is expected to report its findings early in the year.

NEW STREET LIGHT PROGRAM

A new contract has been signed with the Green Mountain Power Company for a greatly improved street lighting program for the business section of the city at only a small increase in cost. Most of the new lights will be 21,000 lumen mercury vapor lamps and installation will be completed sometime in February or March 1959.

INTERSTATE HIGHWAY

The progress and prosperity of the City of Montpelier will undoubtedly be enhanced by the construction of the thruway so close to the City proper with the interchange in the city itself. Construction of the first phase in this section of the State is planned to begin during 1959 including the section of two-lane highway between Montpelier and Middlesex.

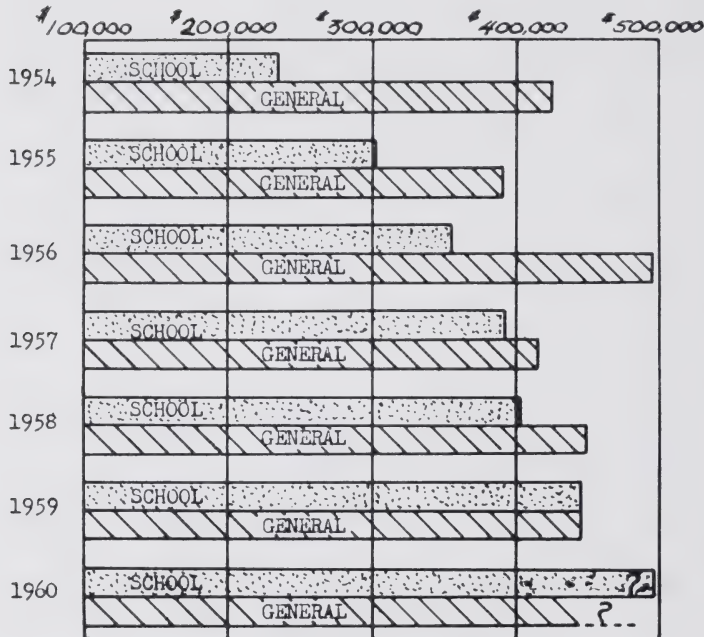
The approach road from Winooski-Bailey Avenue intersection will be financed by State and Federal Funds at no cost to the city. The City has agreed, however, to maintain that section after its completion.

NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING

Inflated construction costs and changes in Federal Regulations slowed up the planning progress for the new proposed Airport Terminal Building during 1958, but if the voters approve the necessary additional \$7,250.00, the building will be constructed during 1959.

COMPARATIVE TAX APPROPRIATIONS

(INCLUDING DEBT SERVICE)



	SCHOOL	GENERAL CITY
1954	\$ 233,977	\$ 424,023
1955	302,200	390,815
1956	355,248	494,498
1957	391,297	413,204
1958	401,297	448,959
1959	445,761 *	445,605
1960	495,761 **	?

* SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REQUEST, INCLUDES \$ 15,000 BORROWING

** ESTIMATED \$ 50,000 INCREASE

TAX RATES—HIGHER OR LOWER?—VOTERS CHOICE

One of the more important basic policies of the present administration is to stabilize tax rates as much as possible to prevent up and down fluctuations, and lower tax assessments if possible. This requires long range planning and consideration of all known factors that may influence future tax rates.

The following conclusions are determined from a study and analysis of Montpelier's tax base:

1. Montpelier tax assessments are extremely high in relation to comparable Vermont municipalities.

2. Known factors COULD cause substantial reduction in tax rates during the next five years without reducing present standard of municipal services.

3. Other known factors and present trends if continued, COULD cause substantial increase in tax requirements during the next five years.

4. It is the majority of citizens voting at City Meetings that choose higher or lower tax assessments.

Explanation of the above four points follows:

Item 1. A home owner in Montpelier is assessed a tax of \$389.70 on a house appraised at \$15,000 actual value (1958 tax rate). This is considered critical and even conservative increases would create hardships and would retard desirable progressive development of our city. A recent survey of Vermont municipalities having over 5,000 population discloses that Montpelier tax assessments are by far the highest in the State in that category.

Item 2. The city's annual debt payments will be reduced by varying amounts each year so that by 1964 it will require approximately \$60,000 less than this year for debt service for our present amount of indebtedness. Presently the city is paying on fourteen individual bonds or notes but in the long range plan they will all be paid in full by 1964 except for the High School and Winooski Avenue project from direct tax appropriations. Water improvements, metered parking lots and equipment purchases will be paid from their own revenue sources.

The increased tax revenue from the new National Life building, in accordance with the tax agreement made with the city, will be in effect in 1960 or 1961.

It is estimated that the above two factors together with the new Union Mutual Building and other new buildings will constitute assets of more than \$100,000 to ease the tax burden by 1964. This would be about .50 in the tax rate. It is considered that tax payers should receive the benefit from at least the major part of that amount in reduced tax rates.

Item 3. The present trend of school budgets increasing \$50,000 or so per year would absorb all the tax benefits from Item 2 above in two years and cause substantial additional tax increases for the five year period.

We have been fortunate that in the last three years we have been able to accumulate surpluses in the general fund of \$30,000, \$26,000 and \$35,000 respectively, that have been used to reduce tax rates. These are normal surpluses expected under careful budget supervision but emergencies or unanticipated needs could easily absorb these unexpended balances which would cause additional tax increases.

Item 4. The citizens of Montpelier can have any standard of municipal service they choose with a commensurate tax rate. It is the majority vote of citizens voting at City Meetings that establishes the tax rate. The City Council, School Commissioners and City Manager have the privilege of presenting and recommending a tax plan and service schedule. It is our duty to fully explain the implications and effect of such plans to the voters. It is the voters' prerogative to make the decision for higher or lower taxes and the resultant level of municipal services.

1959 BORROWING

Voters at the 1959 Annual meeting will vote by written ballot to see if the voters approve borrowing money on 4 Articles. Bonds or notes for developing the parking lot (\$17,500) and purchasing a grader (\$20,000.) will not require future appropriations for debt payments but instead will be repaid from their own revenue sources. The \$7,250 note for the airport terminal building will be repaid in 1960 when our debt amortization schedule for our present debts will be \$7,000 less than in 1959. This has a stabilizing effect on the tax rate for debt service. The \$15,000 note for Main Street School remodeling, if approved by the voters, would have to be paid from tax appropriations at some future time.

COMPARATIVE YEARS TAX RATES

	(1)		(2)	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	1959	1958	1958	1957
General City (less schools)	\$2.43	\$2.62	\$2.43	\$2.27
Less Surplus18	.13	.13	.15
TOTAL GENERAL CITY	2.25	2.49	2.30	2.12
TOTAL SCHOOL	2.08	1.84	2.03	1.98
TOTALS	\$4.33	\$4.33	\$4.33	\$4.10
(1) 11 Month Fiscal Year	(2) 12 Month Fiscal Year			

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET GENERAL FUND—1958

	12-31-58	1-31-58	Increase (Decrease)
Assets			
Cash on hand and in bank \$	26,629.74	\$ 40,414.25	\$ (13,784.51)
Delinquent taxes receivable	28,628.25	22,782.02	5,846.23
Less Reserve for losses	(7,000.00)	(7,000.00)	
Other accounts receivable (1)	650.22	(1) 1,304.18	(653.96)
Due from Winooski Ave. By-Pass	5,095.22	11,000.00	(5,904.78)
Due from Parking Meter Fund	(2) 356.25	—	356.25
Total Assets	\$ 54,359.68	\$ 68,500.45	\$ (14,140.77)

Liabilities and Surplus

Accounts Payable:			
Current Expense (1)	\$ 4,418.57	\$ 6,631.19	\$ (2,212.62)
Equipment Fund	—	5,436.24	(5,436.24)
Unexpended Appropriations:			
Airport Administration			
Building	—	12,500.00	(12,500.00)
Planning Commission . .	351.30	—	351.30
Total	\$ 4,769.87	\$ 24,567.43	\$ (19,797.56)
Surplus	49,589.81	43,933.02	5,656.79
Total Liabilities and Sur- plus	\$ 54,359.68	\$ 68,500.45	\$ (14,140.77)

(1) Hospital and Welfare accounts receivable and payable approximately counter balance, and are not included.

(2) Interest due May 1, 1958 paid by General Fund.

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN SURPLUS

Eleven Months Ended December 31, 1958

Balance, February 1, 1958..... \$ 43,933.02

Budgetary Operations:

Estimated expenditures. \$ 957,180.47

Estimated revenue..... 931,180.47

Excess of estimated
expenditures over
estimated revenue . \$ (26,000.00)

Actual 1958 tax levy . . . \$ 862,594.54

Estimated 1958 tax levy 850,715.97

Excess of 1958 tax levy
over estimated tax
levy 11,878.57

Actual revenue \$ 957,274.54

Estimated revenue 943,059.04

Excess of actual over
estimated revenue . \$ 14,215.50

Appropriations \$ 971,650.90

Expenditures 960,962.08

Excess of appropria-
tions over expendi-
tures 10,688.82

Appropriations from Surplus:

Planning Commission . . (1,000.00)

Community Hall Boiler (4,000.00)

\$ 5,782.89

Other:

Uncollectible account re-
ceivable (126.10)

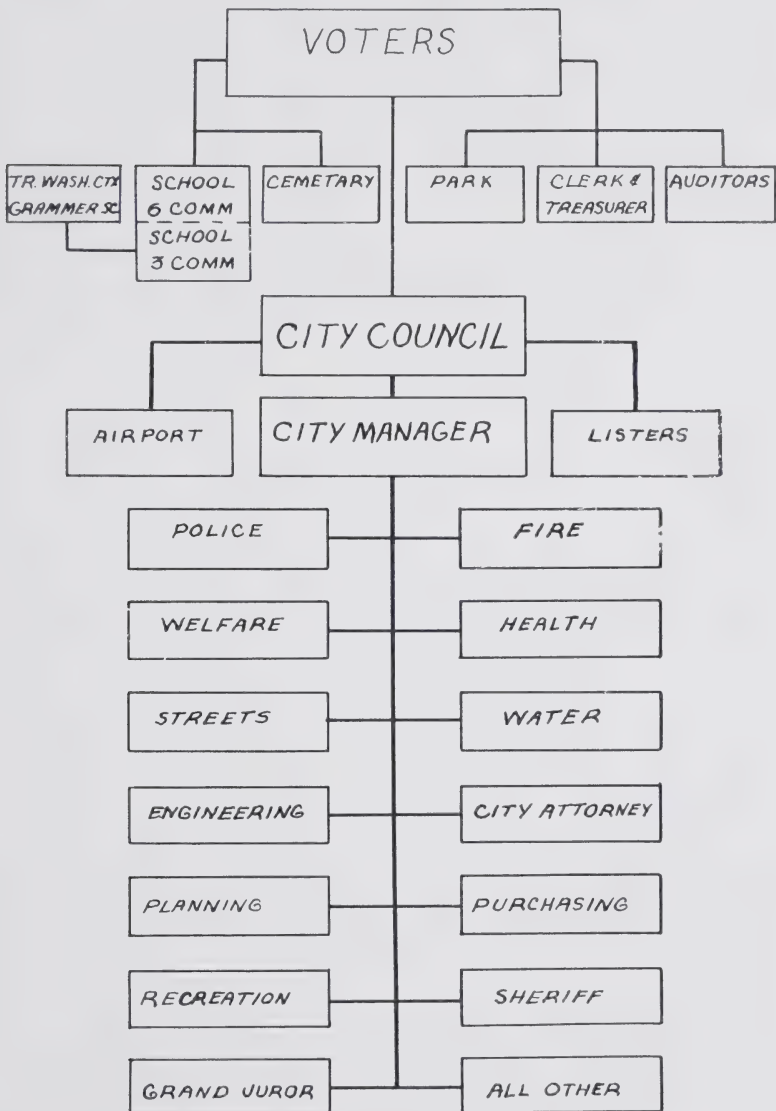
Net Increase for the eleven
months ended December
31, 1958.....

\$ 5,656.79

Balance, December 31, 1958

\$ 49,589.81

ORGANIZATION CHART



STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

Eleven Months Ended December 31, 1958

Eleven Months Budget	Anticipated Income	Appropriation From Taxes	Actual Revenue	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended (Overdrafts)
Protection						
Police.....	\$ 38,165.20	\$ 9,612.00	\$ 28,553.20	\$ 10,187.60	\$ 37,810.06	\$ 930.74
Fire.....	58,926.96	2,000.00	56,926.96	2,970.90	58,312.21	1,585.65
Health.....	3,000.00		3,000.00		2,466.55	533.45
Tree Warden.....	2,485.00		2,485.00		2,686.30	(201.30)
Civil Defense.....	500.00		500.00		23.72	476.28
Public Works						
Derby Drive.....	5,000.00		5,000.00	6,621.15	12,429.50	(808.35)
Streets.....	109,485.00	11,000.00	98,485.00	12,252.87	109,685.66	1,049.21
Walks.....	8,350.00		8,350.00	8,350.00	10,109.09	(1,759.09)
Bridges.....	3,840.00		3,840.00		3,986.32	(146.32)
Sewers.....	14,000.00	500.00	13,500.00	1,143.40	14,305.26	338.14
Bailey Dam.....	500.00		500.00		559.42	(59.42)
Dump.....	6,780.00		6,780.00		5,912.04	867.96
Welfare						
Charity.....	22,080.15	3,000.00	19,080.15	4,235.81	14,987.90	8,328.06
Hospital Care.....	10,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00	7,342.46	11,836.50	2,505.96
Property						
City Hall.....	15,552.20	2,000.00	13,552.20	2,029.60	13,643.92	1,937.88
Community Hall.....	8,267.98	2,700.00	5,567.98	2,475.00	8,246.92	(203.94)
Airport Maint. (net).....	4,000.00		4,000.00	9,554.73	11,893.81	1,660.92
Service						
Recreation.....	16,127.00	1,500.00	14,627.00	1,376.97	16,442.83	(438.86)
Street Lighting.....	15,500.00		15,500.00		12,872.46	2,627.54
Administration						
Mayor's Salary.....	1,100.00		1,100.00		1,100.00	
Aldermen's Salary.....	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,125.00	375.00
City Manager's Salary.....	8,492.40	2,000.00	6,492.40	2,000.00	8,492.40	
City Manager's Office.....	5,285.00		5,285.00		5,350.27	(65.27)
Clerk-Treasurer.....	16,434.62	10,200.00	6,234.62	8,854.70	15,777.30	(687.98)
Legal.....	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,591.00	(91.00)
Listers.....	12,380.00		12,380.00		11,767.00	613.00
Elections.....	4,000.00		4,000.00		2,876.85	1,123.15
Insurance (Fire).....	1,000.00		1,000.00		529.87	470.13
Pensions.....	583.20		583.20		598.29	(15.09)

Debt Service—General Fund

Bonds and Notes	86,930.00	20,000.00	66,930.00	20,000.00	86,930.00	86,930.00	(515.28)
Interest	24,081.88	12,952.50	11,129.38	12,952.50	24,081.88	24,597.16	
Grants							
Mem. and Vets. Day.	350.00		350.00		350.00	221.05	128.95
Christmas Lighting	500.00		500.00		500.00	500.00	
District Nurse	2,200.00		2,200.00		2,200.00	2,200.00	
Montpelier Band	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Hubbard Park	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
Wood Art Gallery	500.00		500.00		500.00	500.00	
V. C. Scholarships	2,700.00		2,700.00		2,700.00	2,700.00	
Gr. Mt. Cemetery	4,500.00		4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00	
School Transportation	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
Retire. (Fire & Police)	3,569.76		3,569.76		3,569.76	3,569.76	
Other							
County Agent	3,300.00		3,300.00		3,300.00	3,265.55	34.45
County Tax	5,858.92		5,858.92		5,858.92	5,858.92	
Group Insurance	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,151.66	848.34
Social Security (City's Share)	4,300.00		4,300.00		4,300.00	3,465.38	834.62
Miscellaneous	3,300.00		3,300.00	873.30	4,173.30	1,786.55	2,386.75
Winooski Ave By-Pass Res. Fund	20,000.00		20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00	
Street Construction Res. Fund	30,000.00		30,000.00		30,000.00	30,000.00	
Surplus Appropriated		26,000.00	—26,000.00	26,000.00			

Total General Fund	\$ 593,925.27	\$ 106,464.50	\$ 487,460.77	\$ 130,870.99	\$ 618,331.76	\$ 593,664.48	\$ 24,667.28
*Schools							
Schools—Operating	\$ 324,397.60*		\$ 324,397.60	\$ 147,034.43	\$ 471,432.03	\$ 439,424.47	\$ 32,007.56
Debt Service:							
Bonds	30,000.00*		30,000.00		30,000.00	30,000.00	
Interest	12,900.00*		12,900.00		12,900.00	12,900.00	
Total—Schools	\$ 367,297.60*		\$ 367,297.60	\$ 147,034.43	\$ 514,332.03	\$ 482,324.47	\$ 32,007.56
Grand Total	\$ 961,222.87	\$ 106,464.50	\$ 854,758.37	\$ 277,905.42	\$ 1,132,663.79	\$ 1,075,988.95	\$ 56,674.84

*Computed on net basis.

CITY OF MONTPELIER BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 1959

	Budget 1959	Est. Income 1959	Appro- priation 1959	11 Months Appro- priation 1958
Protection				
Police	\$ 44,083.15	\$ 10,078.60	\$ 34,004.55	\$ 28,553.20
Fire	63,173.30	3,000.00	60,173.30	56,926.96
Health	3,000.00	00.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Tree Warden	3,302.00	00.00	3,302.00	2,485.00
Civil Defense	2,500.00	00.00	2,500.00	500.00
Totals	\$ 116,058.45	\$ 13,078.60	\$ 102,979.85	\$ 91,465.16
Public Works:				
Streets	\$ 127,750.00	\$ 16,893.85	\$ 110,856.15	\$ 103,485.00
Mt. View Const.	17,000.00	10,356.15	6,643.85	00.00
Walks	10,550.00	00.00	10,550.00	8,350.00
Bridges	4,800.00	00.00	4,800.00	3,840.00
Sewers	16,900.00	500.00	16,400.00	13,500.00
Bailey Dam	500.00	00.00	500.00	500.00
Dump	7,500.00	00.00	7,500.00	6,780.00
Totals	\$ 185,500.00	\$ 27,750.00	\$ 157,250.00	\$ 136,455.00
Welfare:				
Welfare	\$ 20,290.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 17,190.00	\$ 19,080.15
Hospital	12,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Totals	\$ 32,290.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 24,190.00	\$ 26,080.15
Property:				
City Hall	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 13,552.20
Community Hall	5,612.50	2,700.00	2,912.50	5,567.98
Airport Maint.(Net)	4,000.00	00.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Totals	\$ 25,612.50	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 20,912.50	\$ 23,120.18
Services:				
Recreation	\$ 17,992.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 16,692.00	\$ 14,627.00
Street Lighting	16,500.00	00.00	16,500.00	15,500.00
Totals	\$ 34,492.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 33,192.00	\$ 30,127.00
Administration:				
Mayor's Salary	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,100.00
Aldermen's Salary	1,500.00	00.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
City Mgr's Salary	9,700.00	2,000.00	7,700.00	6,492.40

City Mgr's Office	5,575.00	00.00	5,575.00	5,285.00
Accounting Service	500.00	00.00	500.00	00.00
Clerk-Treasurer	18,007.70	10,000.00	8,007.70	6,234.62
Legal.	1,500.00	00.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Listers	8,000.00	00.00	8,000.00	12,380.00
Elections	1,350.00	00.00	1,350.00	4,000.00
Fire Insurance	600.00	00.00	600.00	1,000.00
Pensions	652.68	00.00	652.68	583.20
Totals	\$ 48,585.38	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 36,585.38	\$ 40,075.22
Bonds and Notes:				
Bonds and				
Notes	\$ 58,930.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 58,930.00	\$ 66,930.00
Int. (Not School)	10,545.75	00.00	10,545.75	11,129.38
Totals	\$ 69,475.75	\$ 00.00	\$ 69,475.75	\$ 78,059.38
Grants:				
Parks	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Memorial and				
Veteran Days	250.00	00.00	250.00	350.00
Xmas Lighting	500.00	00.00	500.00	500.00
District Nurse	2,200.00	00.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Montpelier Band	1,000.00	00.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Wood Art Gallery	500.00	00.00	500.00	500.00
Vt. College				
Scholarships	2,700.00	00.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Green Mt. Cemetery	3,500.00	00.00	3,500.00	4,500.00
School Transportation	2,000.00	00.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Retire. (Fire and Police)	3,569.76	00.00	3,569.76	3,569.76
Totals	\$ 18,219.76	\$ 00.00	\$ 18,219.76	\$ 19,319.76
Other:				
County Agent	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,300.00
Group Insurance	2,000.00	00.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Social Security	5,000.00	00.00	5,000.00	4,300.00
Miscellaneous	3,300.00	00.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
County Tax	6,000.00	00.00	6,000.00	5,858.92
Sewage Plant Site	6,000.00	6,000.00	00.00	00.00
Winooski Ave. Fund	00.00	00.00	00.00	20,000.00
St. Reserve Fund	00.00	00.00	00.00	30,000.00
Totals	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 19,800.00	\$ 68,758.92

	Budget	Est.	Appro-	11 Months
	1959	Income	priation	Appro-
		1959	1959	priation
				1958
Sub-Totals	\$ 555,533.84	\$ 72,928.60	\$ 482,605.24	\$ 513,460.77
Surplus	00.00	35,000.00	— 35,000.00	— 26,000.00
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General City				
Total	\$ 555,533.84	\$ 107,928.60	\$ 447,605.24	\$ 487,460.77
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*Schools:				
Remodeling	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
Operating Ex-				
pense	530,582.28	156,882.28	373,700.00	324,397.60
Bonds—Principal	30,000.00	00.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Bonds—Interest	12,300.00	00.00	12,300.00	12,900.00
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School				
Totals	\$ 578,882.28	\$ 162,882.28	\$ 416,000.00	\$ 367,297.60
Grand City				
Total	\$ 1,138,416.12	\$ 270,810.88	\$ 863,605.24	\$ 854,758.37
Overlay			\$ 2,394.76	
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Tax Rate of \$4.33 on			\$ 866,000.00	
Grand List of \$200,000.00				

*School Department larger request and borrowing, detailed in school report not recommended by City Council.

The Listers estimate an increase of \$3,600.00 in the Grand List; from \$199,213.52 to \$203,813.52. The 1959 budget is based on a Grand List of \$200,000. A Grand List of the full \$203,813.52 would provide additional overlay in the amount of \$9,284.61.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Cash Statement 2-1-58 to 12-31-58

Cash on hand 2-1-58 \$ 40,414.25

Receipts

Temporary borrowing

 Against 1958 taxes \$ 170,000.00

From department operations.....\$ 57,533.97

Taxes collected by Treasurer..... 858,698.40

Taxes for OldAge Assistance 18,963.00

Taxes collected by Sheriff
 1958 12,842.90

 Older years taxes 4,407.05

By-Pass Account

 Repaid..... 5,904.78

Water Fund

 Repaid..... 5,000.00

\$ 963,350.10

Total cash to be accounted for by the Treasurer.. \$ 1,173,764.35

Disbursements

Temporary borrowing (1958) repaid \$170,000.00

Department operations\$ 394,027.29

Transferred to School Fund 367,297.60

Grants voted at City Meeting..... 71,415.81

Paid off on debts 96,930.00

Interest on debts 12,000.91

Old Age Assistance..... 18,963.00

Other 16,500.00

\$ 977,134.61

Cash on hand 12-31-58 26,629.74

Total cash accounted for by the Treasurer ... \$ 1,173,764.35

Warren B. Lowe,

City Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS—CASH STATEMENT

Feb. 1, 1958 to Dec. 31, 1958

	Cash on Hand 2-1-58	Receipts	Dis- bursements	Cash on Hand 12-31-58
Water Fund	\$ 26,817.95	\$ 92,631.24	\$ 99,053.64	\$ 20,395.55
Retirement	9,590.23	3,811.09	3,272.28	10,129.04
Airport Project No. 1	52.53	—	—	52.53
Airport Project No. 2	7,567.93	97.02	6,130.05	1,534.90
Airport Terminal Pro.	—	25,000.00	3,187.64	21,812.36
Equipment Fund	5,679.09	61,478.02	64,520.94	2,636.17
Parking Meter Fund	713.56	20,578.19	19,688.63	1,603.12
Hubbard Park Funds	14,767.99	221.51	802.19	14,187.31
Montpelier By-Pass	778.16	20,174.25	20,952.41	—
Recreation Shelter	—	354.52	351.92	2.60
Berlin Pond Water Pro.	65,395.24	—	55,370.13	10,025.11
First Ave. Project	—	34,015.00	29,458.85	4,556.15
Sinking Fund	—	124,830.00	124,830.00	—
Social Security	—	7,649.41	6,927.08	722.33

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT TAXES RECEIVABLE

Year Tax Levied	Uncollected 2-1-58	Collected 1958	Abated 1958	Uncollected 12-31-58
1958			\$ 1,214.71	\$ 11,473.29
1957	\$ 6,363.87	\$ 3,874.35	45.50	2,444.02
1956	2,557.05	227.00	46.95	2,283.10
1955	1,491.90	88.17	12.50	1,391.23
1954	2,304.04	93.03	19.26	2,191.75
1943-53	10,085.04	124.50	1,116.21	8,844.33
	\$ 22,801.90	\$ 4,407.05	\$ 2,455.13	\$ 28,627.72
			Olisse M. Melada, Montpelier City Sheriff	

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditors have examined the warrants drawn by the Mayor and the City Treasurer upon approval of the City Council for the eleven months period ending December 31, 1958. A classified statement of the warrants appears in the ledger of the City Treasurer.

The auditors have also examined the income and disbursement accounts, General, Water all special funds in addition to the City indebtedness and find them to be correct as shown.

J. P. Adams, Jr.,
William A. Cattnach,
Paul B. Williams,
City Auditors.



Montpelier City Hall—built in 1909.

DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS—

	Dated	Rate (%)	Maturity	Total Outstanding 12-31-58
General Fund—Bonds				
Street and Equipment	12-1-47	1 ½	12-1-59	\$ 7,000.00
Street Improvement	12-1-49	1 ¼	12-1-62	33,000.00
Various Purpose	5-1-51	1 ½	5-1-63	63,000.00
Street Improvement	9-1-51	1.65	9-1-64	30,000.00
Winooski Ave. By-Pass	9-1-57	3.4	9-1-77	190,000.00
Total Bonds				\$ 323,000.00
General Fund—Notes				
Fire Engine	7-29-52	2 ¼	7-29-62	\$ 7,200.00
City Barn Oil Burner	8-5-52	2 ¼	8-5-62	1,000.00
City Hall Aud. Tile Floor	8-26-52	2 ¼	8-26-62	1,600.00
Fire Sta. Heating Plant	11-7-52	2 ¼	11-7-62	720.00
Equipment Purchase	5-15-53	2 ½	5-15-63	21,500.00
Street Improvement	9-1-53	2.20	9-1-63	25,000.00
Total Notes				\$ 57,020.00
Total General Fund				\$ 380,020.00
Water Fund (1)				
Water Improvement	9-1-57	3.4	9-1-81	\$ 345,000.00
Parking Meter (1)				
Notes	5-1-57	2.375	5-1-62	24,000.00
School Fund				
High School Const.	7-1-54	2	7-1-79	630,000.00
Grand Total				\$ 1,379,020.00

(1) Amortized from own revenue sources.

DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS—

	Rate (%)	Dates	1959	1960
General Fund Bonds				
Street and Equipment	1 ½	June & Dec. 1	\$ 105.00	
Street Improvement	1 ¼	June & Dec. 1	412.50	\$ 287.50
Var. Purpose	1 ½	May & Nov. 1	832.50	607.50
Street Improvement	1.65	Mar. & Sept. 1	495.00	412.50
Winooski Ave. By-Pass	3.4	Mar. & Sept.	6,460.00	6,120.00
General Fund Notes				
Fire Engine	2 ¼	July & Dec. 29	162.00	122.00
City Barn Oil Burner	2 ¼	Feb. & Aug. 5	22.50	16.88
City Hall Aud. Tile Floor	2 ¼	Feb. & Aug. 26	36.00	27.00
Fire Sta. Heating Plant	2 ¼	May & Nov. 7	16.20	12.15
Equipment Purchase	2 ½	May & Nov. 15	483.75	376.25
Street Improvement	2.20	Mar. & Sept. 1	550.00	440.00
Total General Fund			\$ 9,575.45	\$ 8,421.78
Water Fund (1)				
Water Improvement	3.4	Mar. & Sept. 1	\$ 11,730.00	\$ 11,220.00
Parking Meter (1)				
Notes	2.375	May & Nov. 1	498.75	356.25
School Fund				
High School Const.	2	Jan. & July 1	12,300.00	11,700.00
Grand Total			\$ 34,104.20	\$ 31,698.03

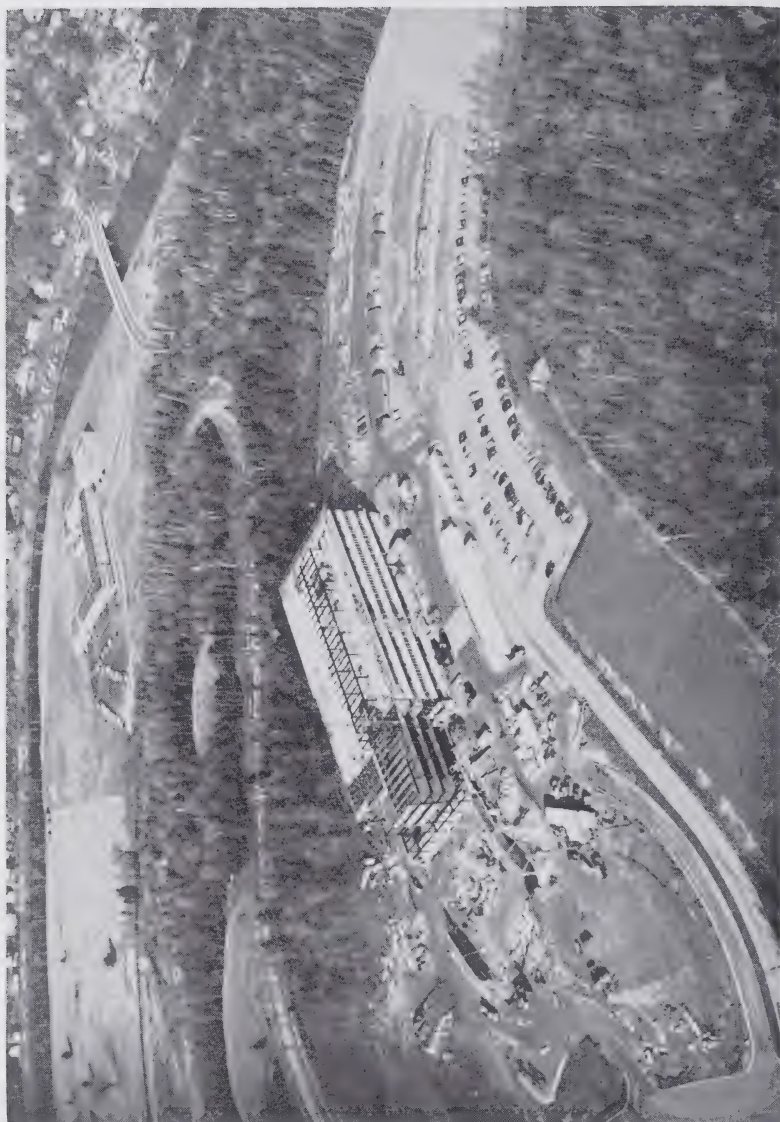
(1) Amortized from own revenue sources.

PRINCIPAL

1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965-81
\$ 7,000.00						
10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,000.00			
15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		
5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
\$ 47,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00			
250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00			
400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00			
180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00			
4,300.00	4,300.00	4,300.00	4,300.00	\$ 4,300.00		
5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		
\$ 11,930.00	\$ 11,930.00	\$ 11,930.00	\$ 11,930.00	\$ 9,300.00		
\$ 58,930.00	\$ 51,930.00	\$ 51,930.00	\$ 44,930.00	\$ 27,300.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 255,000.00
6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00			
30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	450,000.00
\$109,930.00	\$102,930.00	\$102,930.00	\$ 95,930.00	\$ 72,300.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 835,000.00

INTEREST

1961	1962	1963	1964	1965-81	Total
\$ 162.50	\$ 37.50				\$ 105.00
382.50	157.50				900.00
330.00	247.50	\$ 165.00	\$ 82.50		1,980.00
5,780.00	5,440.00	5,100.00	4,760.00	\$ 30,940.00	1,732.50
					64,600.00
81.00	40.50				405.50
11.25	5.63				56.26
18.00	9.00				90.00
8.10	4.05				40.50
268.75	161.25	53.75			1,343.75
330.00	220.00	110.00			1,650.00
\$ 7,372.10	\$ 6,322.93	\$ 5,428.75	\$ 4,842.50	\$ 30,940.00	\$ 72,903.51
\$ 10,710.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 9,690.00	\$ 9,180.00	\$ 78,030.00	\$ 140,760.00
213.75	71.25				1,140.00
11,100.00	10,500.00	9,900.00	9,300.00	67,500.00	132,300.00
\$ 29,395.85	\$ 27,094.18	\$ 25,018.75	\$ 23,322.50	\$ 176,470.00	\$ 347,103.51



Loftily perched on a hill top within the fringe of the city proper, National Life Insurance Company's multi-million dollar Home Office Building is pictured during construction.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The present members of the Executive Committee of the Montpelier Planning Board are as follows:

H. G. Philbrook, Jr., <i>Chairman</i>	Ward 5
William L. Duke, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Chamber of Commerce
Mrs. Muriel C. Williams, <i>Clerk</i>	Montpelier Business and Professional Women's Club
Mahlon W. Corker	Ward 1
C. Andrew Herschel	Ward 2
Gilbert Pierce	Ward 3
Bryce J. Kinney	Ward 4
Harry Bossi	Ward 6
Arthur J. Goss	At Large
Mrs. Charles A. Piche	League of Women Voters
David F. Hoxie	M.A.D.A.

Subcommittees of the Planning Board are as follows:

Name of Subcommittee	Chairman
Airport	Emery Denis
Finance	Luman B. Howe
Public Relations	Mrs. M. W. Corker
Sewage Control and Stream Purification	E. W. Clemons
Zoning and Land Uses	Kirtland J. Keve

In addition, a Special Urban Planning Study Committee was set up in 1958 with the following members and areas of study:

Name	Area of Study
H. G. Philbrook, Jr., <i>Chairman</i>	Executive
C. A. Herschel, <i>Assistant to City Manager</i>	Coordination of Planning study material
Mrs. Muriel C. Williams, <i>Clerk</i>	Secretarial
Harry Bossi	Off-street parking
E. W. Clemons	Water, sewage and storm drainage
Emery Denis	Public transportation
Mahlon Corker	Public Safety and Public Buildings
William L. Duke	Business and Industry
Arthur J. Goss	Land use Survey
William S. Heaton	Libraries, schools, recreation
Luman B. Howe	Capital improvements
David F. Hoxie	Urban renewal
Kirtland J. Keve	Codes and ordinances
Bryce J. Kinney	Streets and highways
Gilbert A. Pierce	Traffic

Mrs. Mahlon Corker

Public relations

Mrs. Kathleen Piche

Population

*Mayor Edward Knapp

*City Manager Ralph Irving

*Ex-officio

Planning Consultant: Northeast Planning Associates, Burlington,
Vermont

Urban Renewal Study

The Planning Commission devoted most of its time during the past year to the study of the development of a long range master plan for the city. In the course of this study, it became apparent that serious consideration must be given to the possibility of an urban renewal program and to this end a special Urban Planning Study Committee was set up. This special committee has conducted a number of joint meetings with the Executive Committee of the Planning Commission.

To initiate an urban planning study, the Planning Commission requested and received from the city an appropriation not to exceed \$1,000 to obtain the services of the Northeast Planning Associates as consultants.

The prime objective of this study, not yet completed, has been to gather and catalogue evidence of existing conditions so that an analysis of this data may be made in an effort to determine the practicality and feasibility of an urban renewal program for Montpelier.

Proposed Amendment of Zoning Ordinance

A petition for an amendment to control the size of building lots in residential areas was referred to the Planning Commission by the City Council. After study by the Zoning and Land Uses Committee, a report and recommendation was given to the City Council. Subsequently, a need for further study developed and the final decision has not yet been reached.

Housing Sub-Divisions

In accordance with the provisions of a new ordinance, enacted upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission in 1958, the Planning Commission's Executive Committee studied and submitted, with its recommendations, a petition for acceptance by the city of the portion of Meadow Lane extending from Derby Drive to Mountainview Street.

The study of long range planning and of the feasibility of an urban renewal program will be continued through the ensuing year.

H. G. Philbrook, Jr.,
Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests with Municipal Court appearances—252		Ordinance violations, Police Court—1,718	
Burglary	5	Meter	1,335
Rape	1	Speed	76
Larceny	5	Bus stop	18
Auto theft	1	Side walk	6
Forgery	1	Cross walk	1
Sex offenses	2	Truck area	5
Non-support	2	U Turn	5
Liquor laws	13	Stop sign	23
Drunkenness	86	No passing zone	3
Breach of peace	21	Prohibited area	147
Driving while intoxicated	5	All night parking	78
Exceeding City speed limit	32	Hydrant	10
Motor vehicle offenses	78	Misc.	11
Juveniles in Court	3		
Juvenile cases handled by Police, no Court record	22		
Accidents investigated	220	Complaints investigated	438
Doors found unlocked	177	Radio calls—local	2,109
Transients given lodging	131	Radio calls—State Police	360
There has been no change in personnel, consisting of the Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, meter technician and five Patrolmen.			

BICYCLE COURT AND SAFETY PATROL

Bicycles registered in 1958	765	Court sessions held in 1958 ..	5
Bicycles registered in 1957	740	Court sessions held in 1957 ..	8
Respondents in Court—1958 ..	48	Respondents in Court—1957 ..	57

In spite of the increase in bicycles registered, there were fewer complaints this year and not a single bicycle accident was reported.

This record has been established by the fine cooperation of the public and the excellent work of the boys and girls comprising the Court and Patrol, under the direction of Captain McLellan, in charge of the program.

George J. Connor, *Chief*

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following sets forth the number of alarms, insurance paid on property fire loss and my recommendations for the ensuing year.

Alarms

During the Calendar Year from January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958 the department responded to 161 calls, of these, 21 were for calls outside the city; Berlin—6, Barre City—1, East Montpelier—2, Middlesex—5, Moretown—4, Northfield—1, Worcester—2.

Fire Loss

Insurance paid on property fire loss in excess of \$100. covering the Calendar Year 1958, as reported to the Vermont Fire Marshal's office was \$13,741. for 19 fires in the City of Montpelier.

Summary of Fire Calls

A break down of the total fire calls within the city are as follows: Residential—29, Non-residential assembly—3, Mercantile—11, Manufacturing—2, Grass, leaves and brush—12, Miscellaneous other fires—10. Calls for non-fires: False alarms—4, Smoke scare, honest mistakes and service calls—66, Emergency first aid—3, Out of town fires—21. Total 161.

Hose

The department has on hand 8,150 feet of 2½ inch hose and 2,400 feet of 1½ inch hose in good condition.

Equipment

A new 200 gallon booster tank was installed on Engine No. 3. Six new tires and tubes were purchased for Engine No. 2. Two fire alarm street boxes together with three miles of wire were purchased; one alarm box was installed at the corner of Terrace Street and Walker Terrace. The other was installed near the corner of Derby Drive and Mountain View Street. Considerable changes had to be made to the over-head alarm wires to make way for highway construction.

500 feet of 2½ inch hose and 200 feet of 1½ inch hose were purchased.

Recommendations

1. That two full-time men be added to the regular force.
2. The purchase of three mobile radio units and one main station receiver and transmitter.
3. The purchase of 500 feet of 2½ inch hose and 200 feet of 1½ inch hose.
4. The purchase of six tires and tubes for Engine No. 1.
5. The purchase of two new alarm boxes and 1½ miles of wire.

Sidney F. Lawson,
Chief Fire Department

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The following sets forth the number of permits granted during this period for new buildings, repairs, etc.

	No. Permits	Estimated Cost
New Residential Buildings:		
a. One-family dwellings	45	\$601,400
b. Set up house trailers	8	
c. Relocate dwellings	2	
New Non-residential Buildings:		
a. Private garages and car ports	16	\$ 13,600
b. Public garage	1	40,000
c. Office building	1	240,000
d. Storage	1	2,000
e. Factory	1	50,000
f. Service station	1	16,500
All additions, alterations and repairs to existing buildings	84	62,490
Demolitions	16	

S. F. Lawson,
Building Inspector

MONTPELIER HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Communicable diseases diagnosed and reported numbered 363.
2. Inspections of hotels, restaurants, lunch counters, grocery stores, and boarding houses selling or serving milk and cream or products thereof totalled 114.
3. 157 Water samples were taken and sent to the Vermont State Public Health Laboratory in Burlington for bacterial analysis. 140 were reported as non-contaminated, 13 as contaminated, with a resultant 9% contamination rate. 4 were broken in transit. Most of the contaminated samples were obtained during the early difficulties with the new pipe line.
4. Physical examinations for those competing in the major high school sports have been continued. Assistance in this program was very generously given by Dr. Harry Colombo.
5. At Union and St. Michael's Schools, a total of 42 vaccinations for smallpox, 149 for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, and 1128 for poliomyelitis have been given. This has been made possible through the cooperation of the officials of both schools and the respective school nurses, Miss Mildred Hallgren and Mrs. Reuben Zile.
6. Several polio clinics were held for all townspeople under age 40,

and shots were administered to all comers. Able assistance was given at these clinics by Mrs. John Adams, Mrs. Fred Billado, and Mrs. Charles Colombo.

7. The usual services were offered by the State Health Department, as outlined in the report for 1956.

8. Program for yearly chest X-Rays of Teachers in the Public and private schools in the area was suggested and readily complied with by officials of the respective school systems.

9. Recommendations:

- a. That serious consideration be given the current proposals concerning the improvement of our sewage system.
- b. That the City Public Health Ordinances be completely revised.
- c. That yearly examinations for all food-handlers in the area be accepted as part of the new City Health ordinances.

W. L. Davis, M. D.,
Health Officer.

TREE WARDEN

Unfortunately, the beautiful and stately elm trees both on public and private grounds in Montpelier have been dealt a serious blow by the Dutch Elm Disease which has been destroying more elm trees in the United States than any other disease. It struck twenty-five elms during the past year. Fifteen were located on private property, four on elementary school grounds, two on public ways, three at the Green Mt. Cemetery and one on state house grounds near the library building. Up to the time of the writing of this report all the infected elms on public lands and seven on private property have been removed and burned. It will be noted that one-third more elms on private property were infected than on public holdings.

Four hundred fifty-one public and many privately owned elms were sprayed in the early spring to control the disease. Our campaign effort is directed against the elm bark beetle which is the known carrier of the disease. In localities where adequate preventative measures have been taken the spread of this dread elm disease has been controlled. Supplemental control measures included are to remove and burn all known infected trees.

The Pest Control Division of the State Department of Agriculture have been active in running surveys to locate afflicted elms through field scouts and laboratory run tests on tree samples to definitely determine if a suspected tree is diseased. The personnel of this state department has been very cooperative with your tree warden and he has been kept fully informed of all known diseased elms in the city.

Responsibility for the actual carrying out of the control measures rests with the owners of all infected trees. Several citizens after receiving notification of diseased elms have been very cooperative in removing and destroying the trees

Your tree warden plans to spray the city elms again in the Spring of 1959. It is expected that the Chamber of Commerce acting through its executive secretary will plan to accept orders from those persons who wish to protect their elms at the time when the spring spraying is done for the city. The cost of prevention is exceedingly small in comparison to the cost of removal of a dead tree and your tree warden respectfully urges that those owning elm trees plan to have them sprayed in a combined effort to help control the spread of the Dutch Elm Disease in Montpelier.

During the year, thirteen elms including those infected with elm disease, four maples, two poplar, two birch, two willow and one topped-out elm trunk were cut down. These trees ranged in size from six to forty inches in diameter. The reason for their removal was that they were either diseased, dead or dangerous to the traveling public or buildings. Trimming was accomplished on seven elms and one poplar. This tree work was done in various sections of the city.

Funds available to the tree warden amounted to \$2,685.00. The city appropriated \$2,485.00 and the Green Mt. Power Corporation and the New England Telephone Company contributed one hundred dollars each to aid the city in some tree removal work. Total expenditures came to \$2,686.30 amounting to an overdraft of \$1.30 for the year.

The tree warden responded to many calls concerning both public and privately owned trees and again it has been a pleasure to be of service to the citizens of Montpelier.

In concluding I wish to thank the Mayor, City Council members, the City Manager and all others who contributed either with their council, time or in a monetary way for their cooperation.

Robert G. Simon,
Tree Warden

PUBLIC WORKS

The original program planned for the Street Department last year was completed except for the Sunset Avenue improvements that were delayed until 1959 due to the extra projects that were added during the year.

The retreatment program consisted of resealing 3.25 miles and blade-mixing 2.15 miles of tar roads, and surfacing 0.73 miles of gravel roads using asphalt and stone.

In addition to the above work, the Budget provided \$5,000.00 for the re-construction of Derby Drive, however, during the year an agree-

ment was made with the National Life Insurance Company to rebuild this street to their superior specifications and to include Mountain View Street from Derby Drive to their new highway in the same project, for this consideration the National Life Insurance Company agreed to pay a total of \$16,986.30 toward the costs of the entire project.

Construction has been completed on Derby Drive at a cost of \$12,429.50 of which the National Life Insurance Company has paid \$6,621.15 making an over-run in the Budget of \$808.35 over the original amount provided. Mountain View Street re-construction will be completed during 1959.

The First Avenue re-construction project was authorized the latter part of September with construction starting at once under the supervision of the Goss-Downing Construction Company working in conjunction with this Department. The excavation, backfill and underground work which included a new 12" surface sewer has been completed. The remainder of this project will be completed during 1959 by this Department.

Regular maintenance work has been carried on as usual. Winter maintenance costs were higher this past year due to the larger amount of snow-fall than the previous year. The total snow-fall this past year was 115½ inches.

Sidewalk reconstruction was completed on Cross Street, part of School Street, a section of Barre Street and other smaller sections. The program started during 1957 on re-covering sections of the Business District sidewalk by an outside contractor, was carried on this year and is planned again for next year.

Sewer expense consisted entirely of maintenance work except for the 31 new connections that were installed last year.

Bridge expenses included the re-planking of the Gould Hill Bridge and painting of the Lane Shop and School Street Bridges in addition to regular maintenance work.

During the past year the following pieces of equipment were purchased from the Equipment Fund for use by this Department: 1—1½ c.y. Michigan Loader, 2—Chevrolet Dump Trucks, 1—Electric Welder, 1—Pippen Digger attachment, 1—Salt Spreader, 1—Jackhammer and 1—Used Pick-up Truck.

THE PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT FUND

An excellent example of pursuing the policy of stabilizing tax rates and controlling bonded debt is the administration of the public works equipment fund established in 1957.

By long range planning rental charges for equipment use by the various city department paid into the equipment fund, finances the purchase of all necessary equipment. There will be some small amount

of note borrowing from time to time but the notes will be repaid from earnings in the fund itself and will not require tax appropriations as such, to repay the loans. The function will be the same as revenue bonds.

It is estimated that, based on today's prices, equipment purchases will average \$30,000.00 per year in the future. The 1958 budget included \$15,000.00 for purchase of new equipment and an additional \$10,000.00; a total of \$25,000.00 is in the 1959 budget. (This does not show as a separate item, but is included in the Public Work's budgets and is paid into the equipment fund on a rental basis.) From this estimate an additional \$5,000.00 in the 1960 budget would be sustained in subsequent years.

This year's budget also includes \$11,300.00 for bonds and notes for equipment bought in past years; much of which is obsolete and has been replaced.

This equipment fund plan, therefore, has a tendency of stabilizing the tax rate, precludes the need for long term borrowing and eliminates undesirable interest expense.

EQUIPMENT FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand Feb. 1, 1958 \$ 5,679.09

Income:

Rentals, Dept. of Public Works.....	\$ 38,210.30
Rentals, Other Departments	7,720.45
Transfer from 1957 Street Dept. Bal.	5,436.24
Private Work and Miscellaneous.....	10,111.03

Total Income	\$ 61,478.02
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Total Available.....	\$ 67,157.11
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Expenditures:

Garage Maintenance.....	\$ 6,833.73
Equipment Maintenance.....	29,689.49
Stock Tool and Miscellaneous.....	3,818.77
New Equipment.....	24,178.95

Total Expenditures	\$ 64,520.94
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1958 \$ 2,636.17

Accounts Receivable:

Rentals.....	\$ 4,928.80
Private Work	250.56
Gasoline.....	177.83
	\$ 5,357.19

Accounts Payable.....	1,278.31
	\$ 4,078.88

Accrual Balance.....	\$ 6,715.05
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WATER DEPARTMENT

The new Pipe Line Project was completed on March 28, 1958 and put into operation on the same day. However, after a few days air troubles developed and necessitated the change back to the old system until the problem was located. We then experienced a period of changing from one system to another until an air pump was secured and installed at a critical grade point on the pipeline. Since this installation has been completed the system has been in operation with no interruption to date.

A new 6" water meter was installed and a concrete Meter Pit built near the Berlin Town Line on River Street in order to measure the amount of water being consumed by Berlin Fire District No. 1.

Thirty-six new water connections were installed this past year, thirty-one for new homes and the remainder for commercial buildings. Two new hydrants were installed: one on Pinewood Road and one at the intersection of Berlin Street and Northfield Street. All hydrants were painted this past year.

Many services were replaced with copper tubing during the year, several of these were done in conjunction with the Street Dept. reconstruction of First Avenue.

Sixty feet of 6" cast iron pipe was installed on Winooski Avenue replacing a section of 4" mains and 190' of 1" copper was installed on Witt Place replacing an old 3/4" line.

John Mackenzie, *Commissioner,*
Public Works.

WATER DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on hand February 1, 1958..... \$ 26,817.95

Income:

Water Rents.....\$ 81,618.61

Right of way sold..... 750.00

Miscellaneous 5,262.63

Total Revenues..... \$ 87,631.24

Total Available..... \$ 114,449.19

Expenditures:

Payrolls\$ 32,544.64

Supplies and services..... 27,831.15

New construction..... 6,437.85

Bond Issue Payment..... 27,240.00

Total Expenditures \$ 94,053.64

CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1958..... \$ 20,395.55

Accounts Receivable\$ 2,974.74

Accounts Payable..... 751.09 \$ 2,223.65

Accrual Balance..... \$ 22,619.20

WELFARE DEPARTMENT RELIEF TO POOR

	Total Persons
Aid to Dependent Children Grants.....	9
Old Age Assistance Grants.....	28
Aid to Disabled Grants.....	1
Aid to Transients.....	109
Temporary aid, in majority of cases due to illness of wage earner or temporary unemployment.....	99
	246

In the above tabulation the statistics for aid to dependent children, old age assistance and to the disabled were supplementary to the grants which they received.

The City's share for A.D.C. was \$2,105.65. This aid was granted to 20 families and was paid jointly by the Federal Government, the State and the City. The City's share was one-eighth of the total.

The City's one-half share of the cost of 6 committed children was \$1,081.07. The other half was paid by the State.

COST OF DEPARTMENT

The comparative expense, income and net cost for the past three years were as follows:

Year	Expense	Income	Net Cost
1956	\$ 24,787.83	\$5,806.73	\$18,981.10
1957	17,867.30	3,351.06	14,516.24
1958	14,987.90	3,735.81	11,252.09

HEATON HOSPITAL

The expenditures for care of city patients 810 patient days was \$11,354.79 and the income \$7,342.46, making a net cost of \$4,012.33.

The comparative expense, income and net cost for the past three years were as follows:

Year	Expense	Income	Net Cost
1956	\$8,196.49	\$2,879.24	\$8,784.70
1957	9,796.72	4,246.29	5,550.43
1958	11,354.79	7,342.46	4,012.33

The City of Montpelier was required to pay the hospital \$2,622.73 for the care of two transient persons injured in an accident December 24, 1955, at the Green Mount Cemetery Curve. As they were transient persons, the city was reimbursed in this amount by the state.

On December 1, 1957 the hospital increased the ward rate from \$11.00 to \$13.00 per day. It was again increased to \$14.00 per day effective January 1, 1959.

Leodina Ryan, Overseer

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

This is the twenty-third annual report which I have made to the citizens of Montpelier regarding State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1958. The support and cooperation of town officers and people generally over this long period is gratefully acknowledged.

This year marks the greatest improvement in the assistance programs since they were inaugurated many years ago. Due to an increase in Federal funds available to the State and a fortunate combination of circumstances it has been possible to lift the ceiling in the three adult programs from \$63.00 to \$75.00 a month and in the Aid to Dependent Children program to \$45.00 for the eligible mother or relative, \$45.00 for the first child and \$25.00 for each additional child. Our food budget allowances have also been increased. This not only furnishes more financial security to the individuals themselves but should also relieve

the towns and cities of much of the expense of supplementation. Although the bill has not passed the legislature at this writing, a program for nursing home care and limited hospitalization for eligible recipients of Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind and Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled has the endorsement of the town and city managers. This will relieve the towns and cities of 65 percent of the cost for which they are currently obligated. No additional state appropriation is proposed or required. Actually, the current total requests of the Department of Social Welfare for 1960-1961 are less than was appropriated for 1958-1959.

Old Age Assistance.....	\$ 74,924.41
Aid to the Blind	3,180.00
Aid to Dependent Children*	18,603.00
Aid to the Disabled.....	9,853.00
Committed Children**	3,730.09
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TOTAL	\$ 110,290.50

W. Arthur Simpson,
Commissioner

*One-eighth paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.
**One-half paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

CITY LISTERS

	1957	1958
Real Estate Grand List.....	\$ 172,285.50	\$174,684.50
Personal Property	19,070.97	20,279.02
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	\$ 191,356.47	\$ 194,963.52
Taxable Polls.....	4,150.00	4,250.00
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Total Grand List	\$195,506.47	\$199,213.52
Number of Poll Tax Exemptions.....	1,030.	1,034.

Real Estate Exemptions

Statutory	{ State of Vermont.....	\$ 4,742,563.00
	{ City of Montpelier	2,984,737.00
	{ Others.....	6,402,179.00
Military.....		101,100.00
Voted.....		95,313.00
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Total Exemptions—Real Estate	\$ 14,325,892.00	

Total Exemptions—Personal Property 16,959.00

Total Exemptions \$ 14,342,851.00

Thirty-one new homes have been built this year. This figure includes those homes under construction which we anticipate will be completed by April 1st.

Three new commercial buildings are under construction and one commercial building is being enlarged and there is also a new dormitory at Vermont College. This building is tax exempt.

All properties in this City are being reviewed by the Listers this year. Any changes or additions will be noted on work cards of individual properties. The basic purpose of this review is to continue our best efforts toward equalization of assessed values. We have found some properties whose values have changed both up and down for various reasons and these corrections have been made. Property owners will be notified of any changes in assessed values.

We have estimated that there will be an increase in assessed value of \$360,000, mostly coming from new construction.

Leslie G. Gallup, *Chairman*
E. E. Pierce
C. H. Lawrence

BARRE-MONTPELIER AIRPORT COMMISSION

Paralleling national trends, airline traffic on Northeast in 1958 dropped to a total of 8,852 passengers, on and off. This is a decrease of about 20% from the previous year.

A similar pattern prevailed in the categories of mail, express, and freight, although the drop was not large except in the freight classification which consists principally of capacitor shipments.

The airline schedules were revised to result in a south bound departure for Boston and New York at 9:30 a.m., about two hours earlier than the schedule which has prevailed for many years. In general, the new arrangement appears to have met with satisfaction. Complaints have been numerous in regard to lateness of the evening south bound schedule averaging about 9:30 p.m. A change was instituted by Northeast to move the departure up to 9:00 p.m. The nonstop to New York during summer months also tied with the Newport schedule, and proved extremely satisfactory.

After requesting bids twice on the proposed new terminal building and accepting a bid on the ramp, parking area, access road, and driven well, contingent upon award of contract for the building itself, the total cost of the project has been estimated at \$164,000. Since the original estimate in 1954 was a total of \$100,000, additional funds will be needed

in the amount of \$7,250 from each of the cities, in addition to increased federal and state shares of much larger amounts.

While bills are proposed in Congress for reenactment of the present Federal Airport Aid Act, one bill excludes terminal buildings entirely and the other excludes parking areas. It is evident that under the most auspicious circumstances related to enactment of new federal legislation, the two cities would experience a decisive increase in the cost of a future terminal building if the present project should fail to materialize by inability to procure the required additional funds from either local, state, or federal sources.

Unrelated to financial or other action by the cities but of extreme importance to operation of the airport is the installation of a federal VORTAC radio navigation unit, probably at a site located on the Comstock farm adjacent to the airport. This facility will replace the low frequency four-course range located on Gallison Hill. The new high frequency equipment will have many advantages, and is expected to result ultimately in increasing the reliability of bad weather operations by 50%. The cost of the federal installation will be about one-quarter million dollars. In addition, radio transmissions will be removed from the Burlington area to the new communication station which will be located in the new terminal building.

The Vermont Flying Service continued the instruction program under ROTC sponsorship at Norwich University, and has enrolled a class of 10 students each year. In addition, its own program of flight instruction, aircraft repair and maintenance, and related work has been carried out.

	ON			
	Passengers	Mail	Express	Freight
1958	4,425	14,792	25,529	16,260
1957	5,771	15,180	30,138	68,043

(Off-loading figures are no longer available)

Mayor Edw. F. Knapp, *Chairman*
Mayor George N. Estivil
Manual Canas, Jr.
Charles Cerasoli

BARRE-MONTPELIER AIRPORT
Financial Statement
February 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958

Receipts

Northeast Airlines Rent	\$ 2,916.70
Vermont Flying Service Rent.....	500.00

House Rent.....	295.00
CAA Rent—Remote Control quarters	1.00
CAA Services and Utilities for INSACS quarters	676.39
Snack Bar electricity.....	50.00
Airport Terminal project—50% refund on legal services.....	25.00
State of Vermont Maint. Assistance.....	1,200.00
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Total Operating Receipts	\$ 5,664.09
City of Barre ½ disbursements 1/1/58 to 7/31/58	3,780.64
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Total Receipts.....	\$ 9,444.73

Disbursements

Snowplowing and sanding runways.....	\$ 5,362.99
Property Taxes.....	1,882.94
General Maintenance.....	739.68
Light and Power.....	1,026.02
Janitor Service	880.00
Fuel Oil.....	650.49
Bookkeeping service.....	641.65
Elect. maintenance.....	623.75
Legal services	50.00
Sundry Supplies	36.29
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Total Operating Disbursements.....	\$ 11,893.81
Excess of operating disbursements —	\$ 6,229.72
Total Cost to each city —	3,114.86

RECREATION BOARD

It is encouraging to note that the community participation in activities sponsored by the Recreation Department have continued to grow to a peak number this year, this being 76,891. This is in comparison to the 1950 total of 40,348. These figures are recorded visits made to various facilities and events conducted by the department and are an indication of usage of facilities.

During the past year our Recreation Dollar was spent in the following ways: Personnel—73¢; Services—11¢; Supplies and Equipment—6¢; Office Expense—1¢; Other Expenses—9¢. In our budget request for 1959, we have asked for a moderate increase in order to give slight raises to our present personnel, and to make improvements necessary because of the large number of children taking part in our program.

We request again to start development of the city owned land on



Action—fun and healthfulness in the largest asphalt municipal pool in the country. This is part of the City's fine recreational program.

top of the hill, behind City Hall, for use as a children's play area. This land would be developed as a "frontier land", featuring creative play apparatus, as well as a field for multiple use. The money requested is for grading purposes only, and we expect to ask for the aid of various civic organizations, that further development of the property if possible.

There still remain at the Camp Shelter in Hubbard Park projects such as water installation, and construction of toilets. This past year we were able to complete the cement floor and service area of the building, through the cooperation of the Lion's Club and the Kiwanis Club.

There are several important development projects that the Board has considered; and will soon have to formulate plans for their completion. There is the need for acquiring neighborhood play areas which could be used in winter for ice skating, and would contain creative play apparatus. These multiple use areas, with space enough for a growing population is still our most urgent need. As for other needs, one might list such items as: the painting of the bottom of the swimming pool; a filter system for the pool, a field archery course, a new winter sports area, and community tennis courts.

It has been encouraging to view the cooperation the Department has received from most service clubs and organizations in promoting

community wide activities. A most sincere "Thanks" to more than 300 individuals who have volunteered their time to lead activities during the past year.

Each year we become more enthusiastic about the community response to projects such as the Day Camp in Hubbard Park, the swimming program, and the tot lot program. The Recreation Staff should be credited as contributing much to the hazard-free operation of activities and to the enthusiasm, in which everyone joins.

It is our pleasure to include herewith the more detailed report of the Supt. of Recreation, James E. Fearon.

Herbert Farrington, *Chairman*

Mrs. Raymond Magwire, *Secretary*

John Corskie

Ralph Taylor

Richard Babcock

SPRING

The Capital Teen organization this year has been supported by the Montpelier Mothers Club, which has met with the Teen Council to plan activities. The Junior Teens are also assisted with their planning by a committee from the Mothers Club. Bi-monthly dances have been planned for 7th and 8th graders, and the Teen Center has been open for this age group on Monday afternoons. The Capital Teens have had the Center open weekly during the year.

A four team volleyball league operated for six weeks in the spring of the year for high school boys, weekly at the Recreation Center.

A baseball clinic for local boys' league coaches was conducted at the recreation field in the spring.

The Men's Softball League operated by the dept. played on three evenings a week with six teams taking part, on the softball area at recreation Field.

SUMMER

The Tot Lot program for 4 and 5 year old children operated every morning for four weeks at the Union School playground. Over 65 children attended play activities supervised by several trained leaders.

The Department operated four neighborhood play areas during the summer, located on Clarendon Avenue, Berlin Street, St. Michael's School, and Union School. Morning and evening activities were conducted on three of the smaller areas, while the Union School area was open mornings and afternoons, five days a week for eight weeks. A playground supervisor and a puppet specialist were added to this year's staff to provide better programs in crafts, dramatics and music. The entire staff attended the Vermont Playground Training Institute for three days.

Indian Crest Day Camp again proved the most popular summer activity, located in Hubbard Park. The camp season was four weeks in length. Over 300 different children attended daily, participating in Indian lore, camp crafts, dramatics, songs, hiking, sleep-outs, trips, and special events. The Camp Shelter was used again on rainy days, and it provided valuable equipment storage. A dedication ceremony was held for the shelter with the campers taking part. Parents' Nights were held in the evenings several times to show the camp program.

The swimming program saw its largest attendance in years. This program featured swimming lessons for over 400 children, Teen swim dances, family swimming, and the very popular afternoon general swims. A staff of seven instructors and three guards-in-training were responsible for the accident free operation. A large test strip of paint was applied to the pool bottom, and clear water was enjoyed throughout most of the season.

The annual Water Carnival was most popular. With its "Wild West" theme, it featured a large number of participants and drew a good sized crowd. The swim team had three dual meets and took part in the annual County meet, and the Vermont state swim meet in St. Johnsbury.

FALL

A newly organized Flag Football League operated for 6, 7, and 8th grade young people on Saturday mornings supervised by Mr. Edward Hartman. The teams were given several instruction periods and then divided evenly, to start league play. Mid-week practice sessions were held for all teams.

Indoor activities at the Recreation Center featured weekly sessions in riflery, archery, puppetry, social dancing, cheer leading, creative dancing, square dancing, and crafts. General usage of the Center game rooms and gymnasium has been limited to grade school children after school, and to teen agers and adults in the evenings. The Center has been in operation afternoons and evenings for five days each week. On Saturdays the center is open all day and into the evening, with roller skating the predominant activity. The Center opened in October and closed in May for the season.

Many community groups have used the facilities of the Center, without charge, and a number of organizations make use of the upstairs meeting room.

WINTER

Ice skating activities were located at the College street area, where a warming hut and lights were provided on property owned by Charles Dennison and Carroll Pitkin. A new area was developed in December on city property at the rear of Montpelier High School. To date, this rink has proven very popular because of its large size and good ice.

The ski area located in Hubbard Park has operated on week ends during December, January, and February of 1958, providing a small tow for children, free of charge. Ski lessons were given to children on four Saturday mornings. The tow motor and rope are in poor condition, but are adequate for the operation of a small children's area.

The third annual Ice Carnival was held on Lincoln's Birthday weekend, featuring events in skiing, skating, sled races, a dance, and snow sculpture. The annual Ski-Skate Sale included over \$400.00 worth of articles for exchange.

Three different basketball leagues operated during the winter season with four teams in each of the divisions. The high school and men's leagues played weekly at City Hall, and the 4, 5, 6th grade league played weekly at the Center. League winners were presented with individual trophies.

A bowling league operated for Capital Teens, with 23 teams taking part and bowling weekly at the Capital Alleys, at reduced rates. Two separate divisions were made for 6, 7, and 8th graders and for high school young people.

James E. Fearon,
Recreation Director

PARK COMMISSION

Your Commissioners feel that the citizens should take great pride in the increasing use being taken of the local natural asset consisting of 140 acres of public park land. It is easily reached, has facilities to satisfy all who would commune with nature, is in its unspoiled natural state insofar as possible, and is maintained for your use for a comparatively nominal fraction of the annual city budget. The routine care and maintenance of the shelter and surrounding area was handled by the Commissioners and was used for an almost complete summer program sponsored by the Recreation Department. This area was also used by the Girl Scouts Day Camp for two weeks right after the close of school. As soon as possible, cooking arches and picnic tables will be added to this very popular region. The picnic area in the woods or six fire places was in almost constant use on week ends and special parties, and was also used for two nights by over thirty Girl Scouts from California while visiting points of interest in this locality.

It should be called to your attention that for the past few years the principal funds bequeathed for Park purposes, and controlled by your Commissioners, have been used to supplement your current appropriation for care and maintenance and cannot continue indefinitely.

The park commissioners wish to acknowledge their appreciation to the city police force for locking the park gates during the summer months.

Robert G. Simon, *Chairman*
Albert C. Bliss, *Secretary and Treasurer*
Ralph F. Taylor
Horace R. Teachout
Norman K. Pine

PARK COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

December 31, 1958

Assets, Feb. 1, 1958

U.S. Treasury Bond 2½ of 1967-72 No. 85336-85340	\$ 2,500.00
Savings Account (Montpelier Savings Bank No. 46185) 2/1/58	767.23
Savings Account (Montpelier National Bank No. 18845) 2/1/58	704.51
Balance in checking account (First National Bank) 2/1/58 . . .	206.65
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	\$ 4,178.39

Income

City of Montpelier—1958 appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Interest from city-held funds	802.19	
Bond coupons and interest from savings account .	80.56	2,882.75
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		\$ 7,061.14

Expense

Labor	\$2,218.49	
Withholding Taxes	360.80	
Culverts	179.97	
Chloride	114.28	
Gas and Oil	110.13	
Supplies	104.90	
Insurance	81.46	
Wood for Tables	75.77	
New lawn mower	65.00	
Truck repairs	57.14	
Signs	57.00	
Repairs to tower	27.70	3,452.64
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		\$ 3,608.50

Assets, Dec. 31, 1958

U. S. Treasury Bond 2½ of 1967-72 No. 85336-85340.....	\$ 2,500.00	
Savings account (Montpelier National Bank No. 18845).....	404.51	
Balance checking account (First National Bank) ..	703.99	3,608.50

Robert G. Simon, *Chairman*
Ralph F. Taylor
Horace R. Teachout
Norman K. Pine
Albert C. Bliss

I have examined the Park Commission Account in accordance with the annual City of Montpelier audit, including Treasury Bonds No. 85336-85340 and accompanied vouchers, coupons, check book etc., and find the account to be in good order for the year from Feb. 1, 1958 to Dec. 31, 1958.

William Cattanach, *Auditor*

GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY COMMISSION

The report for the period ending January 31st, 1958, called attention to the problem facing the Commission brought about by the location of the new interstate road. That any change where it affects a cemetery is serious from a sentimental point of view was acknowledged by both the state officials and members of your commission.

After many conferences during which all interests were carefully examined the Commission concluded that to object to cutting off a corner of the so-called garden lot and thereby requiring a relocation of the highway at an additional cost to the state of nearly \$100,000.00 would not be in keeping with good relations and might interfere with the progress of the expanded road program which could benefit the Capitol City.

The Commission signed an option for several acres of presently undeveloped land, including the portion of the so-called garden above mentioned, to the state for the sum of \$10,000.00. The Commission also traded a strip of land on the river side of the road for a lot on the so-called Jones property, on the same side of the road, on which it is planned to construct a suitable garage and warehouse to house the automotive and other mechanical equipment and supplies now necessary to operate the cemetery. The strip of land will be used by the state to improve the safety of the road.

The Commission found it advisable to install new heating system

in the "Sexton" house and to replace the roof on the tool house now located in the cemetery grounds.

The Commission negotiated an arrangement with the St. Augustine Church of Montpelier for the upper portion of the cemetery's new development and already many lots have been purchased. The sale of lots to individuals and, the care of these lots are made in accordance with the usual regulations of the Commission.

During the year 174 graves had to be restored from sunken conditions and many monuments and markers were reset in accordance with the long range program to beautify the grounds. Several elm trees were condemned by the tree warden and had to be removed. The roads within the cemetery were sprayed for the removal of weeds and oiled for reasonably permanent improvement. Two thousand five hundred gallons of spray and oil were used.

The Trust Fund has now reached the sum of \$206,000.00 compared to \$173,000.00 a year ago due for the most part to a profit from the sale of securities of \$29,600.00. The list of securities is not shown in detail in our report, (suggestion of city officials to cut volume of city report) but the portfolio is open for the inspection of all interested citizens at the office of the City Treasurer.

The Commission again compliments Superintendent Dean K. Richardson for the very efficient manner in which he conducts the work of the cemetery which now includes the Elm Street property. The operation of a modern cemetery is beset with many problems and not the least is the ever-increasing cost.

Because of the prospect of favorable income from investments and the increased efficiency of operation through the use of up-to-date machinery the Commission is reducing its request for the annual appropriation by \$1,000.00. We, therefore, respectfully ask the citizens of Montpelier for an amount of \$3,500.00 for 1959.

GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY COMMISSION

W. L. McKee, *Chairman*
Lucia Bliss
Henry B. Hudson
E. Stanley Jayne
Hugh B. Jones

COMMISSIONERS OF GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY

STATEMENT OF GENERAL ACCOUNT

Debit

1958

By Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1958.....\$	6,090.17
Amount received from care of lots, etc.	5,172.75

Amount received from lots sold	1,675.00	
Amount received from trust funds	7,484.49	
Voted Appropriation	4,500.00	
		\$ 24,922.41

Credit

Paid out for labor, etc.	\$ 11,326.06	
Paid out for material and supplies	7,181.13	
Paid out for insurance	417.95	
Paid out for withholding taxes	908.57	
Paid out for water rent	222.00	
Paid out for telephone	193.22	
Paid out for electricity	59.94	
Bal. cash on hand	4,613.54	
		\$ 24,922.41

The Annie F. Eaton Fund

To am't of fund created Oct. 16, 1902..\$	200.00	
Income to (not inc.) Jna. 1, 1959	464.25	
		\$ 664.25
Mont. Sav. Bank & Trust Co., stock ..\$	37.00	
By deposit in acct. No. 21775	627.25	
		\$ 664.25

The James R. Langdon Fund

To am't of fund created April 1, 1899..\$	3,000.00	
Income to (not inc.) Jan 1, 1959	534.60	
		\$ 3,534.60
By deposit in acct. No. 18879	\$ 3,534.60	
		\$ 3,534.60

Trust Fund Account

1958

Feb. 1 To amount of fund	\$ 173,136.86	
Am't of funds received during year ..	4,125.00	
		\$ 177,261.86
Profit on securities sold	\$ 29,660.23	
		\$ 206,922.09

Investments

Bonds	\$ 91,027.09	
Investment Trusts	60,736.19	
Stocks including bank stock	47,155.62	
Bal. cash in acc't No. 15519	8,003.19	
		\$ 206,922.09

The foregoing is a just and true account.

Warren B. Lowe,
Treasurer

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONTPELIER WOMAN'S
CLUB, INC.**

FOR THE DISTRICT NURSE

Balance—February 1, 1958 \$ 1,803.53

Receipts:

Cash Calls.....	\$ 1,506.00
Div. Montpelier Savings Bank Co.....	45.90
“ U. S. Savings Bonds.....	117.70
“ New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.....	133.90
City of Montpelier.....	2,200.00
Balance “Dusting off Montpelier	16.20
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	\$ 4,019.70
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	\$ 5,823.23

Disbursed:

Salaries of District Nurse, Mrs. Forrest J. Silloway and Substitutes.....	\$ 2,976.84
Car Allowance.....	545.48
Reserved from January salary for Withhold- ing—paid first quarter.....	30.77
Insurance—2 years.....	18.00
Club Social Security	70.93
Medical Supplies	38.91
Nurse Supplies.....	14.29
Laundry Gowns.....	7.20
New England T. & T. Co.....	109.07
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	\$ 3,811.49

Balance—December 31, 1958..... \$ 2,011.74

The nurse made 1,693 calls and visited 396 patients. There were 384 free calls.

Elizabeth S. Herschel,
Treasurer



School Officials—Standing L. to R.—Commissioners, Carl H. Hopkins, Loriman S. Brigham, Horace R. Teachout, W. Herbert Johnston, John C. Corskie; Seated, Walter G. Nelson, Glen C. Goodall, Margaret P. Holt, Ch. Morton A. Laird, Supt. Philip H. Mathewson.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Montpelier:

On March 5, 1958 the Board organized by electing as its officers: Chairman, Morton A. Laird; Secretary, Mrs. Robert G. Holt; Treasurer, Horace R. Teachout. Temporary special committees appointed by the chairman were: budget and salaries, Horace R. Teachout, Mrs. Robert G. Holt, Loriman S. Brigham and Dr. Herbert Johnston; teachers, Walter G. Nelson, Jr., Carl H. Hopkins and Glen G. Goodall; policy, John C. Corskie and Mrs. Robert G. Holt. The chairman is an ex-officio member of all committees.

Last March Mrs. Robert G. Holt and Carl H. Hopkins were re-elected to the Board and Glen G. Goodall was elected to fill the position vacated by Elbridge G. Miller.

BUDGET

A comparison of the 1959 budget with that of 1958 is difficult because of the change in the fiscal year. Mindful of the steadily increasing cost of operating the School Department the Board has reduced the budget wherever possible. The following paragraphs explain the major changes that are anticipated.

1. **State aid for Current Expenditures**—The 1958 budget anticipated \$49,469.90 in state aid—an amount slightly higher than the actual payment of \$49,033.02. The 1959 budget estimates state assistance in the amount of \$44,032.28—a considerable reduction in spite of the fact that the rate of state aid has increased. As explained last year when the change of the fiscal year was under discussion, the ratio of school money to total tax receipts will be less favorable, thereby resulting in a substantial reduction in state aid. The following year a much more favorable ratio will be reflected in an increased allocation from the state.

2. **Tuition**—Income from tuition did not reach the figure predicted in the 1958 budget. For the coming fiscal year it is estimated that \$76,950.00 will be realized from this source. This figure takes into consideration two factors: (1) increased tuition charges of \$355 for high school and \$270 for elementary school pupils, (2) the termination of the contractual agreement with Middlesex whereby Montpelier accepted most of their 7th and 8th grade pupils (24 at the present time). This will result in a considerable loss of income with no reduction in expenses as a larger grade moves up to take their place.

3. **Surplus**—The School Department ended the 1958 fiscal year with an unexpended balance of \$32,007.57. This money was derived largely from two sources (1) \$10,000.00, representing the difference between the \$32,000.00 deducted from the budget with the changing fiscal year and the approximately \$42,000 which would be the normal expenditure for the month of January, (2) \$18,000.00, representing the remaining portion of the \$32,000 which would have been required to meet the February payroll as previously operated. Last year \$14,000 of the amount was applied as surplus to help reduce the budget request. Starting with the 1959 budget the School Department will be operating its finances in complete accord with the other city departments.

SALARIES

Historically, teachers' salaries have been notoriously low in comparison to the training and responsibilities expected of them. For the past several years there has been a nationwide trend to increase teachers' salaries substantially. The 1957 Legislature gave definite impetus to that trend in the State of Vermont by fixing a scale of minimum salaries which, for example, required \$3400 for an inexperienced college graduate. The Board of School Commissioners, well aware of the increasing cost of teachers' salaries, felt that Montpelier must keep its pay scale on a competitive level if it is to secure and retain competent teachers. Consideration was also given to the fact that each year more teaching days have been and will be added to the school calendar. The 1959 Legislature has before it a recommendation that the legal minimum number of school days be increased by five.

The Board has, therefore, adopted a new salary schedule for the coming year. The starting pay for a teacher with a Bachelor's degree

would be \$3600 and in 14 years reach a maximum of \$5600. Yearly increments would vary but range from \$100 to \$150. A Master's degree would entitle the teacher to an additional \$300 at all levels in the schedule.

It is difficult to make accurate comparisons between salary schedules being followed throughout the state. Maximum pay and the length of service required to reach that status must be considered together. While it is common practice throughout the state to reduce the number of steps in salary schedules to 10 or 12, the Montpelier schedule is retaining its 15. It, therefore, takes from 3 to 5 years longer for the Montpelier teacher to reach maximum salary.

MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

Primary consideration was given to the remodeling program at the Main Street School where extensive changes were made. On the first floor a small classroom was enlarged by the removal of a partition so that an adjacent office space could be included. A woman teachers' room was created by taking one-half of a small classroom which could not be enlarged because of its location. Boys' and girls' toilet rooms were developed in the former science lecture room—an area which was most effectively used for this purpose. Beyond these changes were several other minor alterations which have made the building much more functional.

Originally the Board had planned to complete the renovations during a three year period. With the work nearly 50% completed it is considered desirable to finish the project this next summer, thereby avoiding the complete disruption of the building for a third summer. In the following years there will be minor improvements to be made but they would not be subject to state aid and will be handled through the regular maintenance budget appropriation.

The Board would like to emphasize the fact that all the changes made in the Main Street School building are strictly functional:—enlarged classrooms to provide the necessary square footage required per child, adequate toilet facilities, office space and teachers' rest rooms. While the building is comparatively safe from a major fire hazard, plans call for the installation of a fire door for the boiler room and bricking in of the windows either side of the present entrance. When the renovations are completed a 45 year old building will have been restored to a useful, adequate school plant.

A ruling earlier this year by the Attorney General held that any state aid building or improvement project must be financed by money especially authorized by the voters in an article in the warning rather than the approval of an overall school budget in which the money had been definitely budgeted. Accordingly, the Board is requesting a special article to be included in the warning for the 1959 City Meeting requesting the approval of the \$16,194.48 spent in 1958. If this is approved the

State will immediately process the project and state aid should become available during the following two months.

To qualify for aid on the 1959 project another article in the warning requests a special appropriation of \$15,000.00.

As soon as the contract with the state is completed the School Department will receive payment for one-half of the anticipated assistance.

For two years the grading project at the high school has been delayed awaiting the completion of the Winooski Avenue bypass and the Bailey Avenue bridge. An arrangement was made with the Rossi Construction Company whereby they removed the top soil, filled in low spots with waste rock, and re-graded the area—all this done at no expense to the School Department.

Included in the 1958 budget was \$2500 for tack coating the high school parking lot, including a triangular area which the school had filled in the previous year. Provision had also been made for resurfacing the entrances at the Main Street School with hot mix. In early summer the Board investigated the possibility of covering the whole area with two inches of hot mix and in view of the estimated cost felt that it would be a wise investment in the long run. A bid price of \$11,065 was accepted and the work was completed prior to the opening of school. All that remains to be done is the erection of a baseball backstop, football goal posts and tennis court fence and nets. The material is at the site ready for erection as soon as weather permits.

During the summer the building maintenance staff painted several classrooms at the Union School. As many rooms still need attention the Board authorized a step-up in the program and outside help was employed during the Christmas vacation period. The playroom floor was sanded and refinished and six classrooms painted.

The upkeep of all the school grounds will take more time than the regular maintenance staff can devote to it. The Board, therefore, proposes to hire an additional man who will look after the grounds during the summer months, transport the hot lunches, drive a school bus, plow the driveways and parking areas in the winter, haul ashes, do general trucking and help out in other ways as time permits. As many of these jobs are now hired out the net cost of his salary would only be about 50%. Included in the budget is \$1500 for a second hand jeep which would be used for most of this work.

PUPIL ENROLLMENT AND TEACHING STAFF

The enrollment figure at the opening of the present school year in September showed a substantial increase in the number of students—95 in the grades and 31 at high school. As the Board was concerned over this situation a 10 year enrollment projection study was completed in October. In predicting the attendance at the elementary level consideration was given to the average number of pupils repeating grades, the withdrawal of the Middlesex 7th and 8th grades at the end of the pres-

ent year and the resident birth rate. The current 724 pupil enrollment at the Union School appeared to be the peak year with a gradual reduction continuing to a low of 659 in 1966-67. As the Union School was built for a maximum of 650 pupils, no difficulty is anticipated there.

At the Main Street School there were 321 pupils in grades 6-7-8. As the larger primary grades move into the upper grades that building will have an increasing load, reaching its peak in 1966-67 of 355—a number which can be accommodated very well when the renovations are completed.

In predicting the population trend at the High School the tuition students were fitted into the picture. There will be a steady increase in the enrollment until 1964-65 when the maximum of 753 will be reached. Even though the building was designed for a 650 student population this surplus poses no major problems.

Considering the system as a whole it is expected that the October 1958 enrollment of 1,590 will move upward to 1,775 in 1964-65. It must be borne in mind that these projected figures do not take into consideration any increase in Montpelier's population.

This increase in school population has its effect on the school budget in many ways. More books, supplies, desks, equipment and teaching staff are required. By far the greatest financial impact comes from the increased staff required. The following summary shows this trend.

Date	Elem.	High School	Total	Teaching Staff	
				Full time	Part time
Jan. 1, 1959	1,027	542	1,569	74	5
	1958 978	511	1,489	67	5
	1957 946	483	1,429	61	4
Feb. 1, 1956	924	451	1,375	58	2
	1955 897	452	1,349	55	2

Consideration should also be given to the fact that the high school moved into its new building in December 1955, thereby permitting an expansion of the staff to relieve the overcrowded classrooms that had existed for many years.

For the coming year the Board has authorized two additions to the teaching staff and one to the administrative staff. At the high school a librarian is urgently needed if the presently defunct library is to be revived. A well stocked library with a trained librarian is of major importance to the high school instructional program. It is doubtful if any of the larger high schools in the state have as inadequate a library as Montpelier. The room, study tables and chairs are available for use.

The high school program is due for expansion in the fields of mathematics and science. A fifth year of mathematics should be available for those students capable of handling it and a second year of biology should be offered. Class enrollments in both mathematics and science

have climbed to a point where relief will be needed, especially in the laboratory sciences. With the increasing pressure on high schools to offer more courses and provide better instruction in these fields any delay in the addition of this teacher is unfair to the many students in need of this assistance.

Throughout New England all high schools desiring accreditation by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools have been going through the evaluation process. This involves a thorough survey of the entire high school program conducted by a staff of visiting teachers, principals, state department representatives and college professors. Items of special concern are: the curriculum and its relationship to community needs, the quality of classroom teaching and the academic training of the staff, the teaching load expected of staff members, library facilities, laboratories and equipment, administrative policies and the cooperation of the principal, superintendent and the school board in promoting a sound educational program. Also of interest to the inspectors is the pupil product—how many go to college and the success these students have; how many graduate from college and how many do graduate work; how many take advanced training of a non-collegiate type; and what type of employment do the students obtain and what is their success pattern.

The Board set 1960 as the year for inspection. It is imperative that our high school be rated by the Association as an “accredited secondary school” if our graduates are to compete on even terms with those of other secondary schools in the ever more difficult process of gaining admission to college. The total absence of adequate library facilities will reflect most adversely upon those assigned to evaluate the school in its request for renewal of accreditation.

The graded school principalship, whereby one man supervises two buildings, has reached the point of diminishing returns. The decision to add a principal has been postponed for two years but it now appears necessary to remedy the situation. Before the Main Street School was taken over for the upper grades the principal had one building, 27 full time and 4 special teachers, and 900 pupils to supervise. Now he is responsible for the program in two buildings, 42 full time and 5 special teachers, and 1,027 pupils. It is expected that the principalship would involve part time teaching for the next few years.

SUMMARY

For years Montpelier has operated a school system of which its citizens could be justly proud. A real forward stride was taken when the new high school building became a reality. The schools have offered a sound educational program, little affected by the frills now under fire throughout the country. Most high school graduates have found the doors open at many collegiate institutions or ready employment in many walks of life.

Of great concern to most families and industrial firms considering a new home is the quality of the school system. National Life conducted a thorough investigation of the schools before making its final decision to remain in Montpelier.

The Board of School Commissioners feels that it is their responsibility to operate the best school system that Montpelier can realistically afford. It has, therefore, given very careful consideration to its 1959 budget requests. Any delay in implementing this program will have an adverse effect on the school system. Each day and each year are important in the educational life of our children. Society is continually expecting more of the younger generation. If we are to keep faith with them we must provide the means with which they may meet their challenge.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

During the year many groups and individuals have given generously of their time and money. For this assistance we are deeply appreciative.

The Kiwanis Club—medical, surgical, dental and ocular care for needy children.

Montpelier Woman's Club—clothing for deserving children and assistance with "career days" at the high school.

Argus Santa—warm clothing at Christmas time for many children.

City Club, Elks, Lions Club, Kiwanis and Rotary Club—sponsoring students to Boys' State and Girls' State and the last three aforementioned clubs for junior membership programs.

Rotary Club—sponsoring students to the Model United Nations and helping with the "career days" at the high school.

Montpelier High School Alumni Association—prizes, gifts and help to needy students in many ways.

Mothers' Club—providing refreshments at Education Week programs.

Kellogg-Hubbard Library—cooperation with many school projects.

A. A. U. W.—\$200 college scholarship to a high school senior girl.

William Hill—for a \$100 scholarship to a high school senior.

American Legion—flags for classrooms and the Union School auditorium.

V. F. W.—Commencement awards.

Berlin East Side Home Demonstration Group—knitted articles of clothing.

Elks Club—Varsity letter men's dinner.

Unitarian Church—annual football dinner.

Bethany Men's Club—annual basketball dinner.

J. Leo Johnson Corp.—providing the driver training car.

Montpelier Community Television Inc.—cable service in the elementary school buildings.

Dr. Davis—generous contribution of his time for immunization and examination clinics and physical examinations for high school athletic teams.

Dr. Colombo for giving physical examinations for high school junior varsity teams.

Other local doctors for their cooperation in providing medical assistance at home football games.

Many citizens and organizations beyond the above mentioned have been of great assistance to the Board and the schools in many ways. We gratefully acknowledge their fine spirit of cooperation.

CONCLUSION

In conformity with the Montpelier City Charter, we recommend to the City Council that the amount to be raised by taxation for school purposes for the fiscal year 1959 is \$422,761.72 of which \$42,300.00 is for debt service.

Respectfully submitted,

Morton A. Laird, *Chairman*
Margaret P. Holt, *Secretary*
Horace R. Teachout,

Treasurer

Walter G. Nelson, Jr.
Loriman S. Brigham
Carl H. Hopkins
Dr. Herbert Johnston
John C. Corskie
Glen G. Goodall

**REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS**

Receipts

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1958.....	\$ 19,802.55	
Requisitions.....	491,234.57	
Total receipts and balance.....		\$ 511,037.12

Expenditures

Expended as per vouchers	\$ 479,029.55	
Balance unexpended	32,007.57	
Total expenditures and balance.....		\$ 511,037.12

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

	Budget 1958	Actual 1958	Proposed Budget 1959
Unexpended balance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 19,802.55	\$ 32,000.00
City Appropriation (including debt service)	367,297.60	367,297.60	422,761.72
Tuition	73,067.50	68,280.10	76,950.00
Rent	450.00	789.50	450.00
State Aid (current expense)	49,469.90	49,033.02	44,032.28
State Aid (vocational & adult) . . .	500.00	553.60	500.00
Income from buses	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Evening School courses	450.00	1,338.40	450.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	1,942.35	500.00
State Aid for Capital improve- ments			6,000.00

Total receipts \$ 508,735.00 *\$ 511,037.12 \$ 585,644.00

*The original 12 month budget before the fiscal year change was made was \$554,735.00.

Disbursements

	Budget 1958	Actual 1958	Proposed Budget 1959
General Control	\$ 14,545.00	\$ 13,465.70	\$ 16,850.00
Instruction	343,656.00	320,134.92	420,751.00
Auxiliary Agencies	7,660.00	5,735.45	7,000.00
Coordinate Activities	4,875.00	4,471.13	5,818.00
Operation of Plant	54,574.00	48,889.83	60,250.00
Fixed Charges	12,025.00	9,442.27	12,175.00
Maintenance	18,500.00	29,523.57	12,500.00
Capital Outlay	10,000.00	4,466.68	8,000.00
Debt Service	42,900.00	42,900.00	42,300.00

Total disbursements \$ 508,735.00 \$ 479,029.55 \$ 585,644.00 *

*12 month budget

Itemized Breakdown of Expenditures

	Expended 1958
GENERAL CONTROL	
School Census	\$ 300.00
Treasurer's Bond	95.58
Salaries (Superintendent, Secretary and Bookkeepers) . .	12,092.86

Supplies.....	134.22
Travel and educational meetings.....	260.96
Printing.....	230.50
Magazines, memberships and awards.....	187.98
Postage.....	151.25
Miscellaneous.....	12.35
Total.....	\$ 13,465.70
INSTRUCTION	
Salaries (Principal and Secretaries).....	\$ 19,442.88
Supplies.....	363.52
Teachers' Salaries.....	275,201.77
Instructional Supplies.....	9,256.80
Books.....	8,657.25
Commencement, Education Week, etc.	231.56
Postage and express.....	61.50
Audio-visual materials.....	585.76
Tuition for special education.....	3,010.93
Tuition for trade school.....	312.50
Physical examination—teachers.....	565.50
Rental of athletic facilities, police supervision and sub- sidy of High School Athletic Association.....	482.98
Dues, Memberships—educational organizations.....	111.68
Expenses of teachers to conferences.....	120.10
Expenses—teaching candidates.....	10.00
Expenses—adult education classes.....	1,464.19
Expenses—driver training car.....	79.00
Teachers' transportation (local).....	150.00
Printing and ads.....	27.00
Total.....	\$320,134.92
AUXILIARY AGENCIES	
Transportation.....	\$ 5,735.45
Total.....	\$ 5,735.45
COORDINATE ACTIVITIES	
Attendance service.....	\$ 83.20
Nurse and nursing supplies.....	4,387.93
Total.....	\$ 4,471.13
OPERATION OF PLANT	
Salaries.....	\$ 21,632.57
Janitors' Supplies.....	3,535.68
Fuel.....	14,295.69
Power and light.....	6,069.36
Water.....	1,942.50
Telephone.....	1,345.94

Truck operation.....	68.09
Total.....	\$ 48,889.83
FIXED CHARGES	
Insurance	\$ 5,868.26
Pensions	2,750.00
Social Security	824.01
Total	\$ 9,442.27
MAINTENANCE	
Upkeep of Buildings	\$ 14,563.98
Upkeep of Grounds	9,331.85
Upkeep of Service Systems.....	910.25
Repair and replacement of instructional equipment.....	2,883.01
Repair and replacement of furniture and operating equipment	1,834.48
Total.....	\$ 29,523.57
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Furniture	\$ 1,592.74
Instructional Equipment.....	2,389.93
Operating Equipment	484.01
Total	\$ 4,466.68
DEBT SERVICE	
Interest	\$ 12,900.00
Repayment on Principal.....	30,000.00
Total.....	\$ 42,900.00

BUS DEPRECIATION FUND

Receipts

1957-58 budget.....	\$ 1,000.00
1958	1,000.00
Interest—certificate of deposit.....	45.23
Total.....	\$ 2,045.23

Disbursements

None

MAIN STREET SCHOOL REMODELING FUND

As this remodeling program is a state aid project a special account has been established.

Receipts

Transfer from regular budget—1958.....\$ 11,000.00

Disbursements

Contract	\$ 10,042.70
Architect	890.00
Advertisement for bids	18.90
Electrical work	48.40

Total	\$ 11,000.00
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1958.....	00.00

MONTPELIER HIGH SCHOOL GRADING FUND

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1958	\$ 4,394.00
Interest—certificate of deposit.....	65.91
Transfer from school account	8,500.00

Total	\$ 12,959.91
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Disbursements

Top soil and gravel	\$ 328.75
Paving	11,065.00
Grass seed	64.35
Goal posts.....	126.00
Grading and equipment rental.....	547.33
Labor	179.94
Concrete blocks	35.20

Total.....	\$ 12,346.57
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1958.....	613.34

Total	\$ 12,959.91
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City Meeting Warning

The legal voters in City Meeting, in Montpelier, in the County of Washington and State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet at the City Hall in said Montpelier on the first Tuesday in March, March 3rd, A. D. 1959, at six o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following business:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, three Auditors, one Commissioner of Green Mount Cemetery for a term of five years, one Park Commissioner for a term of five years, three School Commissioners for a term of two years, and three Aldermen, One Alderman each from Wards 1, 3 and 5 for a term of two years.

ARTICLE 2. Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this City? Shall spirituous liquor be sold in this City?

ARTICLE 3. To see if the City will vote to make the following public improvements, viz: the purchase of a self propelled diesel power grader for use by the City Street Department at a total estimated cost of Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) and incur not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) debt to pay for the same.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the City will vote to make the following public improvements, viz the renovation and remodeling of the Main Street School, so-called, by the enlargement of a classroom and the completion of a teacher's room and the construction of a principal's office and a nurse's office, all on the first floor thereof, and the moving of a partition and the establishment of two science rooms on the second floor thereof, and the installation of a fire door in the boiler room, all at an estimated cost of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) and incur not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) debt to pay for same.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the City will vote to make the following public improvements, viz: the construction of a new airport terminal building and aircraft parking ramp and related facilities at the Montpelier-Barre Airport in the Town of Berlin at a total estimated cost of \$164,000.00 with the total estimated cost to the City of Montpelier of \$20,500.00 and incur not exceeding \$7,250.00 debt to pay for same.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the City will vote to make the following public improvements, viz: the establishment of an off-street parking project on land to be leased from The Colonial, Inc. at the rear of 99 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, and the development and improvement of said lot for parking purposes at a total estimated cost of \$17,500.00 and incur not exceeding \$17,500.00 debt to pay for same to be paid by funds in that amount payable solely from revenues from off-street public parking projects and parking meters.

ARTICLE 7. To receive and act on the report of the City Officers.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the City will vote to transfer the proceeds remaining from the bonds issued in accordance with the vote at March

meeting 1957 for the construction of a pipeline from Berlin Pond to the Upper Reservoir, so-called, being the sum of \$9,585.41 as follows: to the General Fund of the City of Montpelier the sum of \$6,000.00 and to the Sinking Fund the sum of \$3,585.41.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the City will vote to ratify and affirm the action of the Montpelier Board of School Commissioners in expending the sum of \$16,194.48 during the year 1958 for capital improvements in the Main Street School, so-called, as follows: the enlargement of a classroom by the removal of a partition and the installation of another partition to make space for a teacher's room, all on the first floor thereof and the installation of toilet facilities on the second floor thereof, and, related construction work.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum of money the City Hall will appropriate to be used for the proper observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate for use by the Montpelier Band in furnishing a series of free summer musical concerts, and will continue the privilege of free use of the City Hall for band purposes and public band concerts.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate for the Board of Park Commissioners for the purpose of maintaining Hubbard Park.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate for the benefit of the Wood Art Gallery.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money the City will vote as compensation to the Mayor for his services for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum of money the City will vote as compensation to the Aldermen for their services for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate to be used by the Commissioners of Green Mount Cemetery for the care and maintenance of all public cemeteries in the City of Montpelier.

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate to be used for lighting and decoration, including the nativity scene, during the Christmas season.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum of money the City will appropriate to pay the expenses of a District Nurse.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the City will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed Twenty-Seven Hundred Dollars to provide scholarships, not to exceed eight in number, at Vermont College for the school year of 1959-1960; said scholarships to be distributed among the resident graduates of Montpelier High School and St. Michael's High School so far as possible in proportion to the respective number of graduating students, the recipients of such scholarships to be chosen by a committee composed of the Principal of Montpelier High School, the Principal of St. Michael's High School, the President of Vermont College, and two citizens chosen yearly by the City Council of the City of Montpelier.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the City will vote to instruct the City Council to contract for the transportation of pupils.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the City will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents, to a fund established by the City Council known as the Retirement Fund, under and in accordance with No. 189 of the Acts of 1933, as amended by No. 253 of the Acts of 1935.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the City will vote to place in the Sinking Fund any portion of the tax raised on the Grand List and to provide the terms of its use.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the City will vote a tax for the payment of debts and current expenses of the City, for carrying out any of the purposes of the Charter, for the support of the schools in the City, and for the payment of all State and County taxes and obligations imposed upon the City by law.

ARTICLE 24. To transact any other business that may lawfully be transacted.

No business except the election of officers and matters that by law must be determined by ballot will be transacted at this meeting until 7:00 p.m. The Polls will be open at 6:00 a.m. and shall be closed and the ballot boxes turned at 3:00 p.m.

Dated at Montpelier this 10th day of February, A. D. 1959.

WARREN B. LOWE,
Montpelier City Clerk

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BEFORE--

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The Winooski Ave. by-pass project completed during year, 1958. Both pictures taken from exactly the same spot. (Insert supplement to 1958, Montpelier, Vt., City Annual Report.)

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